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Department of Defence	1/06/2021	1	Kimberley Kitching	NSEAP	<p>Senator KITCHING: Has the NSEAP created any memoranda or briefing materials for that subcommittee?</p> <p>Mr Finlay: The answer is yes but only to the meeting held in 2021. The panel was not formed until January 2021.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: So you created some briefing material for—what month was the meeting?</p> <p>Mr Finlay: My recollection is that the meeting was in February</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: And it has met once before? Did it meet in late 2020?</p> <p>Mr Finlay: My understanding is that it met first in 2020 and then again in 2021.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: But late in the year? Minister, was it November or December?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Senator, I don't recall the date, but I'm happy to take that on notice, of course.</p>	Hansard	4
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	2	Penny Wong	NSEAP	<p>Senator WONG: Perhaps we can rephrase it. Did you advise in relation to the program?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Hilarides: Senator, we have advised with respect to all of the shipbuilding programs that we've been privy to.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Did you canvass the possibility of discontinuance? Did you ever discuss the possibility of discontinuing the program?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Chair, I do think that the committee is seeking information on the content of advice to matters which inform cabinet deliberations, and I do think that that points—</p> <p>Senator WONG: They're so worried about telling anybody about these submarines, aren't they?</p> <p>CHAIR: I'm listening to a point of order, Senator Wong.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I was talking to Senator Kitching, Senator Abetz.</p> <p>CHAIR: Well, it's a bit loud.</p> <p>Senator Payne: That puts Admiral Hilarides in a difficult position, and I'd be happy to take it on notice, Senator, to see what can be provided.</p>	Hansard	5
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	3	Kimberley Kitching	NSEAP	<p>Senator KITCHING: Minister, has the interim report of the capability enhancement review been provided to Defence and to the government?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard	6
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	4	Kimberley Kitching	NSEAP	<p>Senator KITCHING: Some Defence contract notices were published on AusTender, including one that relates to Mr Thomas Eccles—contract notice 3759385. That was valued at \$683,000 for three years. Is that remuneration for Mr Eccles for his membership of the panel?</p> <p>Mr Finlay: I can't answer that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Could you take it on notice—</p>	Hansard	9
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	5	Kimberley Kitching	NSEAP	<p>Senator KITCHING: Is it possible to unpack the amounts for the contract—so how much is remuneration, how much is expenses, what expenses are included, how much are the costs, and what other costs are covered?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Do you mean on notice?</p>	Hansard	10
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	6	Kimberley Kitching	NSEAP	<p>Senator KITCHING: The average annual payment to members of the former Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board was around \$87,000. The average annual payment to members of the Naval Shipbuilding Expert Advisory Panel is around \$300,000. Is there a reason why those costs have trebled?</p> <p>Mr Finlay: I can't answer that. Can we take that on notice?</p>	Hansard	10
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	7	Kimberley Kitching	NSEAP	<p>Vice Adm. Hilarides: I believe you're comparing actual costs in the past and estimated costs in the future, but we'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Mr Moriarty, did Defence seek advice from the Remuneration Tribunal on those pay rates?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: Not that I'm aware, but I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	10
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	9	Penny Wong	International Relations	<p>Senator WONG: Were there discussions well prior to the decision of withdrawal of troops being announced in which you were involved or a member of the ADF was involved with DFAT on whether or not the embassy could viably continue?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: There were senior ADF officers who participated in interdepartmental discussions. I would have to take on notice the dates. Senator WONG: Was the department aware of the decision? When did you become aware of the decision?</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey: Senator, are you asking when did the department become aware of the decision—</p> <p>Senator WONG: To close the embassy, yes.</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey: I'll have to take the specific date on notice.</p>	Hansard	18

Department of Defence	1/06/2021	10	Penny Wong	International Relations	<p>Senator WONG: I will come back to that in DFAT. Has the department briefed Minister Dutton or former Minister Reynolds in relation to the impact of the security situation in Afghanistan and on the Australian embassy?</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey: Senator, the department has briefed Ministers Reynolds and Dutton on multiple occasions in written form on Afghanistan developments. Obviously, I won't go into the content of those.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No. I don't want all of them. I just want to know if they've been briefed specifically on the implications for the embassy. Do you want to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey: I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	21
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	11	Timothy Ayres	Air	<p>Senator AYRES: There's a photo I've seen of the Prime Minister—that's the one that the Prime Minister posted himself—and he doesn't seem uncomfortable with the red carpet. There are other photos of the Prime Minister walking from a car in a different visit into a building again on a red carpet that's been provided for him. Have there been other occasions where the RAAF has provided a red carpet for the Prime Minister?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: I have no knowledge. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	25
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	12	Timothy Ayres	Air	<p>Senator AYRES: The Prime Minister said on 7 May that it wasn't the first time that that had happened. I think he was on 2hd with Richard and Shanna and he said that it wasn't the first time that's happened. Is the Prime Minister right?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: I'd have to take that on notice. There are occasions when the Prime Minister attends the same events that the Governor-General arrives at, and we would put the red carpet done for a Governor-General. So I can't confirm what the circumstances are and what other points he may have had that protocol employed.</p>	Hansard	25
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	13	Timothy Ayres	Air	<p>Senator AYRES: On notice, would you be able to provide the date where the red carpet has been used for the Prime Minister, a description of the visit and any photos in high resolution of other red carpet visits that the Prime Minister says that he's conducted.</p>	Hansard	25
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	14	Kim Carr	Cromptvoets	<p>Lt Gen. Burr: Dr Samantha Cromptvoets is a sociologist who has worked on a number of contracts across different parts of defence, in particular the Australian Defence Force, over the period from 2013 until now. Her work has been directed towards social research issues, organisational culture and so forth.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. Can you tell me the total value of the contracts that the professor has worked on in those areas?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Could I take that on notice? I might be able to get back to you very shortly.</p>	Hansard	26
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	15	Kim Carr	Cromptvoets	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Clearly, the research was also undertaken through the NHMRC to do with health questions. Have you had any correspondence with the NHMRC which would suggest there's been any difficulty in regard to any breaches of ethical conduct in regard to that research?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I am unaware, and I think we'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	27
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	16	Kim Carr	Cromptvoets	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Was there any requirement that you're aware of for there to be preauthorisation or permission or for any advice to be sought from the defence department prior to the publication of the book?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: We're happy to take that on notice. Indeed, we are trying to understand the linkage between which research, which contracts and what content of the book.</p>	Hansard	27
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	17	Kim Carr	Cromptvoets	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Given what you've said, General Campbell, it seems that you haven't actually seen the book, so I'll ask you to take this on notice: does her book refer only to publicly available material in so far as that research is cited?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Yes, I can take that on notice. That might be a little longer than normal in terms of reply.</p>	Hansard	28
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	18	Kim Carr	Cromptvoets	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Finally, with regard to the \$6.5 million figure quoted in the article, it's been put to me that that's an accumulation of every contract that's been awarded to Rapid Context by Defence. It's 18 contracts over nine years.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I believe that is approximately correct, but I can't assure you it is. We will take it on notice and give you an answer on the total number of contracts over the total period of time and the total value.</p>	Hansard	28
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	19	Kim Carr	Cromptvoets	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much. In fact, not all of those contracts related to cultural change. Some were related to other matters. If you could confirm—</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: The span of subjects that were undertaken?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, if you wouldn't mind. Thank you very much for your attention.</p>	Hansard	28
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	20	Timothy Ayres	Air	<p>Senator AYRES: I have just one minute's worth of stuff before we go on, if I may. Following on from my previous line of questions, I want to put some questions on notice quickly. Air Marshal Hupfeld, you probably don't need to get up for this. I want to know whether the RAAF has received any advice about arrival arrangements for when the Prime Minister steps off a plane at an airport, who that advice or request was received from, when it was sought and when it was provided. I want to know whether the Prime Minister, his office or the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have provided any negative feedback about the Prime Minister's travel to the RAAF, in particular negative feedback about arrival arrangements for the Prime Minister on special purpose aircraft travel, and when that feedback was provided. Thanks, Air Marshal.</p>	Hansard	28

Department of Defence	1/06/2021	21	Penny Wong	Budget/Finance	<p>Senator WONG: ..(referencing the table on page 113 of the PBS) Is the attribution of costs, in the way that Mr Sammut describes for the future submarines, consistent across this table?</p> <p>Mr Groves: Intent is yes. This was the first time that we've constructed this table. Generally, that is the approach that we've taken across all of the categories within that table. Now, in application, certainly some areas at the margins might need a little bit more work as we evolve this addition to this table, but, in the main, yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What I'm a bit confused about from that answer—sorry. Perhaps, on notice, you can confirm that for me.</p> <p>Mr Groves: I can take that on notice, yes.</p>	Hansard	31
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	25	Matthew Canavan	Land	<p>Senator CANAVAN: (in relation to the movement of vehicles between Enogorra and Shoalwater) Fantastic. Thank you very much for that. Have you started any consultation at this stage with the relevant stakeholders you mentioned?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: We have, yes.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Do they include the Rockhampton Regional Council or the Livingstone Shire Council?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: I would need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	34
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	26	Matthew Canavan	Land	<p>Senator CANAVAN: Some of these questions I realise you might have taken on notice, so there are no problems if you have. Would you able to provide a breakdown of the \$5.9 million you identified in the question on notice—to be specific, this was QON No. 25 from last estimates—showing costs for fuel, staff and any other costs that are relevant to identify?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: I'd also like to have exactly the number of armoured cavalry vehicles, on average, each year that are moved and the number of movements, if you like, on average in any one year. Does that make sense, about the movements?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: It does.</p>	Hansard	35
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	27	Matthew Canavan	Land	<p>Senator CANAVAN: Finally, for this set of questions, how much land is roughly taken up in Enoggera to house or park these armoured vehicles over the year? Is that possible as well?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: Indeed.</p>	Hansard	35
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	28	Matthew Canavan	Land	<p>Senator CANAVAN: Thank you. Absolutely finally, do you have any permanent defence officials based in Central Queensland on an ongoing basis?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: I don't have the numbers in front of me, but there is certainly an Army Reserve depot with some permanent staff—</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: Yes, that's true.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: and the Defence Estate and Infrastructure Group would have a range of support staff in place.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: If you could take on notice how many other defence officials—and I'm happy for you to put the Army Reserve to one side; I'm aware of that there—there are in Central Queensland. Just so we're clear, I suppose the easiest way to define Central Queensland would be Central Queensland statistical area 4, in the ABS definition, which includes Gladstone and some areas out west. If you could take that on notice, that'd be great.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: Yes, Senator</p>	Hansard	35
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	29	Penny Wong	Submarines	<p>Senator WONG: Why is Defence so keen to move it?</p> <p>Mr Dalton: I don't think we have ever said we're keen to move full-cycle docking. We've developed two options for government to consider.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Somebody is pushing it. Why is it on the table? That's a question to you, Mr Moriarty.</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: Government asked us to develop options.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did that occur? Was that Minister Reynolds, Minister Cormann or Minister Payne? Who asked you to develop options for a WA move? Was it at a ministerial level? You said government—so it wasn't Navy that asked you? No?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	41
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	30	Penny Wong	Submarines	<p>Senator WONG: Has this gone to government yet for decision—location of FCD?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: We've provided advice to government.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did you do that? Last year, wasn't it?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	41
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	31	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Infrastructure	<p>Can you provide details of the nature and extent of the discussions that were had with Commonwealth departments and entities, then Prime Minister Abbott and his office and other ministers and their offices in the lead up to the decision by the then NT government.</p>	Hansard	44
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	32	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Infrastructure	<p>Were the matter to be considered under current FATA provisions, do you agree that the lease and purchase of shares in the Port of Darwin would be subject to foreign acquisition and foreign investment legislation? If so, would it contravene the national interest test?</p>	Hansard	44

Department of Defence	1/06/2021	33	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Infrastructure	Further to the questions above, and assuming the Port of Darwin issue were to come before the Commonwealth today, what obligations would be on the Commonwealth during the processes set out above under the existing foreign investment legislation, under the proposed foreign relations bill?	Hansard	44
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	35	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Infrastructure	In the absence of public knowledge about the lease, would any consideration any compensation would be required Landbridge? (sic)	Hansard	44
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	36	Penny Wong	Submarines	Senator WONG: Everyone is very touchy about this. You are refusing to let someone attend, and then when you are asked a question which cannot possibly go to any detail of what might be classified—which is, 'Is the capability enhancement review looking at the Future Submarine Program or considering the Future Submarine Program?'—you are refusing to answer that. It is at a level of generality. It's already been speculated about. It's already in the media. It's hardly an unsurprising question or highly risky question. Just to be clear, Minister, the officer, in response to Senator Patrick, is saying, 'I'm not even going to answer whether or not I'm looking at future subs,' despite the fact we know from the answer from the Chief of Navy that issues about submarine capability, or advice about submarine capability, has been given to Admiral Mead. Correct? So I'm asking you: are you maintaining—I think that's a claim of PII. Is that a PII claim? Senator Payne: I'm respecting the response that Vice Admiral Mead has made, and indicating that I will take any further questions that you wish me to take on notice and seek advice from the minister.	Hansard	49
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	37	Penny Wong	Media Inquiries	Senator WONG: Then someone has basically collated that, summarised it and sent that to people who might get media inquiries. Ms Jones: That's correct. Senator WONG: But we don't know who that was? Ms Jones: I can take that on notice.	Hansard	53
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	38	Penny Wong	Media Inquiries	Senator WONG: What's the standard response in relation to media inquiries to the Department of Defence? Ms Jones: In terms of? Senator WONG: I think the standard response used to be, or the initial standard response or automatic response was, 'Defence will provide a response as soon as possible.' Now it simply says, 'Acknowledge receipt of the email.' Who made that change? Ms Jones: I'd need to check on that for you. Senator WONG: Meaning? Can anyone answer? We've got a lot of officials here, haven't we? Ms Jones: If I can take it on notice and check with the relevant person and come back to you.	Hansard	54
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	39	Penny Wong	Media Inquiries	Senator WONG: I have a series of emails here dating from March 2021, January 2021, November 2020. They are all from media@defence.gov.au. They all have: 'Thank you for your inquiry. Defence will endeavour to get you a response as soon as possible.' After Mr Dutton becomes minister, this is what it says: 'Thank you for your email. This email acknowledges receipt of your inquiry.' I'm just wondering why that's changed. It's one of those great passive aggressive lines, isn't it: 'I acknowledge receipt'? It's like Mr Moriarty saying, 'I hear that's what your request is, but I'm not actually going to respond.' Who decided that? Was that a ministerial office request? Ms Jones: I'd need to check on that.	Hansard	54
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	41	Penny Wong	Submarines	Senator WONG: Can you take on notice if there were any other meetings between Minister Dutton and representatives of the French government about the Future Submarine program other than the introductory meeting with Minister Parly? Mr Sammut: I'll take it on notice. Senator WONG: Has Assistant Minister Hastie met with the ambassador or other representatives from the French government about the Future Submarine program? Mr Sammut: Not that I'm aware of. Senator WONG: Perhaps take that on notice and give me dates, if that's the case.	Hansard	57
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	42	Penny Wong	Submarines	Senator WONG: Have all of the discussions which have occurred with representatives of the French government occurred with officials within the presence of officers of the defence department? Mr Sammut: I understand that all of them have. Mr Moriarty: We'll take it on notice.	Hansard	58
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	43	Malcolm Roberts	Judge Paul Smith	Senator ROBERTS: Was the minister or a selection panel aware that Judge Paul Smith has been accused of breaching the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 1978 after uploading false and defamatory material about sexual acts alleged by a former charged sex offender? Ms Jones: I don't believe we're formally aware of that, but I would like to take that on notice.	Hansard	61
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	44	Penny Wong	Submarines	Senator WONG: I'll now go to question on notice 117, please, which relates to workforce. It was asked by Senator Kitching, actually. Senator WONG: I'm just trying to understand. I'm trying to understand what training flows from the finalisation of core work scope 2,	Hansard	63-64

					which is not going to be finalised till September. Mr Sammut: Can I take on notice perhaps to provide you with a full list of the training. But what I can say is that it will involve the training of engineers, it will involve the training of designers and it will involve some training in our trades based areas to ensure that we have the skills built up in Naval Group Australia to be able to commence the build of the submarine, including hull qualification section to commence in Australia from 2023—which will also be part of the training process, by the way.		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	47	Rex Patrick	Submarines	Mr Sammut: We will be in build in 2026, with the pressure hull commencing in 2024. So there is in fact an earlier PDR and an earlier CDR for the pressure hull, but the complete CDR for the entire submarine will be later. Senator PATRICK: Do you have dates for those PDRs for the hull? Mr Sammut: Yes, but I will have to come back to you. I can take that on notice.	Hansard	69
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	49	Rex Patrick	Whisky Project	Dr Sawczak: The hub doesn't operate on the basis of grants but on the basis of procurement contracts. This contract, once it went through the two-stage approval process was endorsed by the hub's external adviser in April 2021, and then it was finally approved by the Minister for Defence Industry. Senator PATRICK: Who was the delegate that signed off at the top level in Defence? Normally there area few signatures that go through your processes. Dr Sawczak: I'm not sure. I can take it on notice for you.	Hansard	70
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	50	Rex Patrick	Whisky Project	There are multiple projects going around at the moment. How did we come to fund this one? Specifically how many respondents were there? Senator PATRICK: Maybe if someone wants to take that on notice. I just want to understand how many respondents there were to—these are all ships matters—RFI16466-1 for expressions of interest as well, and for RFI1353, if someone would take that on notice. I'm sure no-one knows exactly, but if someone could take that on notice, I would be grateful.	Hansard	70
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	51	Rex Patrick	Whisky Project	Senator PATRICK: The Defence Innovation Hub offers four phases of technical development design to mature innovation towards a capability outcome. You've got concept exploration, technology demonstration, prototype system and integrated capability development. Which phase was this being applied under? Dr Sawczak: I'll have to take on notice the particulars of this project.	Hansard	70
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	53	Penny Wong	Shipbuilding	Senator WONG: I'd like to understand whether there is any risk associated with the life of this capability, the life of this platform, associated with the skinny weight margin. Ms Lutz: I suppose there's always risk when you've got a smaller weight growth margin, but, throughout the fleet, Navy has managed small growth margins and maintained the ships. Senator WONG: Have you ever had one before? Ms Lutz: I don't know. I would have to pass that one. Senator WONG: Who can answer that? Has there ever been a weight margin this narrow? Mr Dalton: We'd need to take it on notice.	Hansard	76
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	54	Penny Wong	Shipbuilding	Senator WONG: do you have a platform that has a weight margin that is similarly skinny? Mr Dalton: As I said, we'll take it on notice.	Hansard	76
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	55	Penny Wong	Shipbuilding	Senator WONG: Is that first document public? Ms Lutz: The AIC strategy document? The head contract definition is probably not public, but I can release that. Senator WONG: Can you do that? Thank you. That would be helpful.	Hansard	79
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	56	Kimberley Kitching	Sea	Senator KITCHING: Did you say before that HMAS Sirius had some issues? In footnote D to table 22 it says there was a withdrawal from service of HMAS Sirius. Rear Adm. Malcolm: I think that's a planned withdrawal, but I would need to take that on notice to refer to the note.	Hansard	84
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	57	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Workforce Projections	Vice Adm. Noonan: On any one day, I would have about 2½ thousand to three thousand men and women at sea. They would be operating in an at-sea shift. But there would also be a significant number of people in training establishments around the country who would be maintaining some form of shift. There'd also be a number of people working in operational headquarters in communication centres who are also supporting 24/7 operations. ACTING CHAIR: Could you take that on notice, Admiral. I'd be interested to see your workforce projections and how many of them, particularly in the maintenance area, are done on the basis of 24/7 and how many on nine to five, particularly bearing in mind that most of the maintenance is now done in shipyards like Garden Island and down at Williamstown and other places like that. Vice Adm. Noonan: Just to be clear, are you asking for that in terms of people who are in operational activities? ACTING CHAIR: No, I'm asking for that across the board. I'm interested to know that. Vice Adm. Noonan: I'll take it on notice.	Hansard	85
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	58	Timothy Ayres	Shipbuilding	Senator AYRES: How many sustainment projects are currently on the sustainment projects-of-interest list? Mr Fraser: Nine products of interest. Senator AYRES: Can you tell me the total value of the projects on each of these lists? Mr Fraser: I'll get back to you. I haven't got the calculation at hand for those.	Hansard	87
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	59	Timothy Ayres	Submarines	Senator AYRES: Can you tell me the current cumulative scheduled delay in delivering final operational capability for each of the projects on the list? Will you add all that up? Mr Fraser: I can give that to you. Certainly, the major projects report produced by the Australian National Audit Office provided that in November last year, against each of the projects. I'll just look to calculate those against the products and projects of interest	Hansard	87

Department of Defence	1/06/2021	60	Timothy Ayres	Sustainment	<p>Senator Ayres has asked you to table the exit and entry criteria. Mr Fraser: I will find that document for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry to interrupt, but I'm finding this a bit like an Alice in Wonderland discussion. You might not like it, but the ANAO has a very clear statement: ... transparency has reduced, the level of formality has declined with explicit criteria replaced by unpublished principles ... Senator Ayres has asked you to table the exit and entry criteria.</p> <p>Mr Fraser: I will find that document for you.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So that document exists?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: In two places, from what you said. One is in major project something or other and the other one is in an instruction. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: The major projects report details the criteria for—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Entry? Mr Fraser: entry, as to when it should be.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, and exit you said is in an instruction document.</p> <p>Mr Fraser: We have instructions internally as to how we will assess it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Internally? Mr Fraser: I'll find it. I'll get you that document.</p> <p>p. 103</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I appreciate you're going to get the documents for me, but the Auditor-General's criticism was that there wasn't an immediately apparent framework, or clear written document, for entry and exit in the projects of concern. I appreciate you're referring me to what must have been a similar question from Senator Patrick, but is there not a document that just sets this out in simple terms so that Defence staff and people who are running projects can see clearly how this is managed? Is there a reason that it's not easy to find?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: It's not a standalone document for the exit criteria. I will provide you with the independent assurance review and the documentation to them, which I will get for you tomorrow, worst case.</p>	Hansard	89
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	61	Timothy Ayres	Land	<p>Senator AYRES: You're sticking to May '23 but you can't tell me when manufacturing will commence at the site?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I could take that on notice. It's not a simple question. We really have to analyse the impact of COVID. I've talked to my team in Germany today. They are still not at the office. The Rheinmetall employees are not doing full shifts. We need to understand what that means. At my next main meeting with Rheinmetall, in July, they're due to provide us with a program.</p>	Hansard	93-94
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	62	Timothy Ayres	Land	<p>Senator AYRES: Does that explain the 2020-21 underspend? The portfolio budget statement for 2020-21 says the approved total expenditure for the project is \$5.77 billion. The portfolio budget statement for 2021-22 says it is \$5.655 billion for the equipment acquisition and \$113 million for other project inputs to capability. Can you tell me what those are.</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: The reduction is due to exchange rate variations. The other inputs to capability—like my submarine colleague earlier—are estate, IT and some DSTG support. I would have to take it on notice to provide further detail on that.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: You can take that on notice. But you're saying it was principally the exchange rate?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: Yes. The exchange rate variation was \$107.3 million.</p>	Hansard	94
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	63	Jordon Steele-John	Land	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: It's 2016. I think it's the October paper presented to CASG. You would have received a copy of it. Just take it away, and provide it if you can. Gen. Campbell: Sure. There was an October 2015 paper and then there's a paper in about March of 2016. That's my memory of that cache of documents.Senator STEELE-JOHN: Are both of them available to the committee?</p>	Hansard	97-98
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	64	Kimberley Kitching	Air	<p>Senator KITCHING: Of the 72 Joint Strike Fighters we are acquiring, how many will we have by the end of 2020-21—that is, in a few weeks?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: I'd have to get that on notice for you for the actual numbers, unless Mr Hoffman knows that answer.</p> <p>Air Vice-Marshal Hoffmann: We've currently got 37 aircraft we've accepted, and we are on the verge of accepting another couple in the coming weeks, so we should have probably 39 by the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: And how many by the end of the financial year 2021-22?</p> <p>Air Vice-Marshal Hoffmann: I'd probably have to take that one on notice to get that exact number. We have that data.</p>	Hansard	105
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	65	Kimberley Kitching	Air	<p>Senator KITCHING: The US Government Accountability Office has reported that availability rates for the US military's F-35s improved in 2020 but still fell short of war fighter requirements. The GAO metrics a 'mission capable rate' and a 'full mission capable rate'. Does the ADF have a capability or an availability rate metric for evaluating the performance of the F-35s?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: We will have a desired level—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What's 'a desired level'?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: I'll have to work through that, as we work through the introduction of the aircraft to service. But I'll come back to you on that one, if I can.</p>	Hansard	107

Department of Defence	1/06/2021	66	Kimberley Kitching	Air	<p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you. Do you know the percentage of time that Australia's fleet of F-35A aircraft was available to fly and perform operations during 2020?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: I'd have to gather that information for you, to give you accurate feedback on the availability. When you say 'operations', are you referring to just our normal training activities?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes. So you'll take that on notice?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What was the availability rate for Australia's F-35A aircraft in service during 2020?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: I would have to find that for you once again—unless you have the data?</p> <p>Air Vice-Marshal Hoffmann: No. We'd have to collect that data. The availability and serviceability rates are sensitive; we don't normally put that out. We'll have to consider what we can disclose there.</p>	Hansard	107
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	67	Kimberley Kitching	Air	<p>Senator PATRICK: He said 'several', so you've got to give him at least one. I love his negotiating strategies. I want to ask, then, about the F-35 costs. I recall Senate inquiries into the F-35 program, and there was this altering cost as a function of number of aircraft. Have we reached a point where we understand that the aircraft costs us a particular dollar figure? I'm guessing there's some longitudinal data that shows what the cost per aircraft has been at any point in time, and I wonder where we are at now.</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: The information I've got on F-35 is of affordability for the actual acquisition of the system. The lot 12, which is one of the most recent versions, is priced at \$82 million. The lot 13 is priced at \$79 million, the lot 14 is priced at \$77.9 million. So the cost is gradually coming down. That's as an indication over the program. The last lot that we bought was in a bulk buy. That gave us the lowest price that we've had for the acquisition of each air frame, if you match it to an air frame cost.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Perhaps, on those, you could go back and give us the block prices that you've paid for various aircraft as you've gone along—</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: As we've progressed through?</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: and an average price as it currently stands.</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: That's up to—</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Up to the current point in time</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: the current point. Obviously, we won't be able to predict necessarily, but we have indications that it's trending in a favourable direction.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: The forward estimates—it would be good if you had them</p>	Hansard	110-111
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	68	Rex Patrick	Submarines	<p>Senator PATRICK: On that matter, how much has the Commonwealth paid in respect of costs to the AGS.</p> <p>Mr Sammut: Can I take that on notice and get back to you, Senator?</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Can you divide it up into what Naval Group's costs are and what the Australian Government Solicitor costs are.</p>	Hansard	111
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	69	Kimberley Kitching	Shipbuilding	<p>Mr Dalton: Can we just rephrase that slightly, Senator? We'll give you the IOC date, which is the delivery and acceptance of the first OPV. Then there are subsequent operational releases for each ship, and the final operational capability is achieved when the 12th ship is released to Navy.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: But will you do it for each one?</p> <p>Mr Dalton: Yes, we'll provide it. It's just that the terminology is slightly different.</p>	Hansard	117
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	70	Timothy Ayres	S2 Wetsuits	<p>Senator AYRES: I'm told that, in August 2017, Defence informed S2 that no funding would be available for further wetsuits until 2018, but they weren't told that Defence had made a decision to stop sourcing wetsuits from that small company. I'm told that Defence subsequently contracted another company called Neptune to produce the wetsuits. Can you tell me first about the design of the wetsuits provided by S2 and their price tag? What kind of functionality was required and how much did these cost?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Malcolm: I would have to take the specific details on notice. They were wetsuits provided for special forces in RAN units—custom manufactured and custom fitted. But I'd have to get those details for you.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: What kind of features would they have that would be different?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Malcolm: I would need to take that on notice from a capability perspective.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: They're not your regular wetsuit?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Malcolm: No, they are specially made. So I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So you can't tell me what the difference in design was of the Neptune product to the S2 product?</p>	Hansard	118
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	72	Timothy Ayres	S2 Wetsuits	<p>Senator AYRES: Can you confirm there was an audit report commissioned into the relationship between the Department of Defence and S2 Wetsuits? Are either of you in a position to do so?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Malcolm: There was an audit report commissioned in 2018 by the then dep sec of CASG Mr Kim Gillis to look at the procurements that were undertaken with S2. I'm not talking about Neptune there. There was an audit done regarding S2 Wetsuits.</p>	Hansard	119

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Department of Defence	1/06/2021	73	Timothy Ayres	JORN	<p>Senator AYRES: Yes. I just want to understand this. I think the way it was described was that the upgrade and redesign of JORN was to address obsolescence, improve system performance and provide a more contemporary system architecture. At what point does the schedule failure start to impact on operational capability? There must be a point. The final operational capability is due in 2029. At what point, if it's pushed back from there, does it start to impact on real things and real capability?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: In terms of obsolescence, if there's an obsolescence deadline that's not met then we would see a real impact. At the moment, I have no indication that that will be the case.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And how many years beyond 2029 is that?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: I'd have to take that on notice. I don't have that information available at this point.</p>	Hansard	121
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	74	Timothy Ayres	Pacific Support Vessel	<p>Senator AYRES: It is a crucial part of our Pacific step-up. There was an announcement 2½ years ago. There has been no decision to date from government. Has a proposal been put to government about what to do here?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: The original proposal was to have a Pacific support vessel in service by June 2021.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Well, that's not happening, is it?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: To achieve that original intent, the advice provided at the time was for an in-service vessel to be sourced from the open market within a cost envelope that was constrained. That was the original proposal.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: When you say 'an in-service vessel', you mean 'buy an existing vessel'—</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: Exactly, yes.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: and just repurpose.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: Correct.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Minister, has that proposal been rejected by government, or is it just sitting with government?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'm not aware, Senator. I don't have information on that, but I'll take your question on notice and respond to the committee.</p>	Hansard	122
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	75	Timothy Ayres	Sovereign Guided Weapons	<p>Senator AYRES: On notice, if you are able to, provide more detail about where that \$40 billion figure comes from. But it sounds like an estimate of the value of production expected from the enterprise; is that right?</p>	Hansard	125
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	76	Penny Wong	Land	<p>Senator WONG: When was the first provisional accreditation?</p> <p>Major Gen. Stuart: I will have to get that for you, Senator.</p>	Hansard	6
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	77	Penny Wong	Land	<p>Senator WONG: Okay. How many times has it been rolled over? Since this project began, how many times has there been this provisional accreditation, the most recent of which expires at the end of this month? But you've made a decision to pause in the interim. I'm trying to work out how many provisional accreditations the system had?</p> <p>Major Gen. Stuart: I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	7
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	78	Penny Wong	Land	<p>Senator WONG: When do people first become aware about the risk of accreditation?</p> <p>Major Gen. Stuart: I will come back to you with some exact dates.</p>	Hansard	11
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	79	Penny Wong	Land	<p>Senator WONG: So it's architecture and controls in relation to 7.1. Were these concerns evident prior to the end of last year?</p> <p>Mr Pearson: The reviews we undertook were prior to the end of last year. I will have to come back to you on specifics.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You've accredited this version, which you've described as having concerns around architecture and controls. But that accreditation for 7.1 has been in place for how many years now?</p> <p>Mr Pearson: I'm not sure how long that version's been—</p> <p>Senator WONG: About how long? Three, four, five years?</p> <p>Major Gen. Stuart: We will confirm for you, but it's no more than three.</p>	Hansard	13
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	81	Penny Wong	Land	<p>Senator WONG: Was the ADF or defence department aware that the minister would use that language? Was it discussed? Did the secretary have one of his discussions with the chief of staff that we discussed yesterday?</p> <p>Major Gen. Stuart: If I may, we provided advice, obviously, to the minister.</p>	Hansard	18-19

					Senator WONG: Okay, so you provided advice. When did that advice go up? Major Gen. Stuart: I can get you the date for that.		
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	82	Penny Wong	Land	Senator WONG: How much was paid for tranche 1? Mr Fraser: We'll get you the exact figure. Senator WONG: How much was paid for tranche 2? Mr Fraser: We will get you the figures. Senator WONG: And then how much is in negotiation, how much is at risk? Mr Fraser: Understood. We'll get you those figures.	Hansard	20
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	83	Rex Patrick	Land	Senator PATRICK: Can you come back on notice with an answer to the question: why didn't you revert to a previously accredited version?	Hansard	21
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	84	Rex Patrick	Land	Senator PATRICK: In the context of exercises, has it ever been involved or integrated into the other battle management systems of our allies—where data has been exchanged and so forth? Lt Gen. Burr: It operated in our Mission Partner Environment network. In terms of which other nations that was connected to, I'll take advice.	Hansard	21
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	85	Rex Patrick	Land	Senator PATRICK: Okay. Senator Wong asked a question about whether an ally raised a concern that caused us to focus on this version. The answer to that was not to anyone's knowledge at the table. I'd like to go back a little further than that—and you may have to take this on notice. In the context of the project's life—perhaps back in 2010 when the system was being bought or going through first or second pass—has any ally ever indicated that there might have been an issue with this particular system in the context of architecture, control and access? Lt Gen. Burr: We need to take that on notice—	Hansard	21-22
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	86	Penny Wong	CDRE Brown Attendance at Estimates	Senator WONG: You understood late last week. How? How was it raised with you? Cdre Brown: I can't recall specifically, except in the general discussion about Senate estimates that there may be a requirement for me to attend. Senator WONG: Who told you that? Cdre Brown: I would have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: But someone more senior? Cdre Brown: I'd have to take it on notice, but, if anything, it would have been just through the office of the Chief of Navy.	Hansard	25
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	87	Rex Patrick	Submarines	Senator PATRICK: Can I just finish off. I'm supportive of what you're doing; I think that's absolutely prudent, but in the context of that prudent activity you're conducting, perhaps on notice, would you give the committee some advice as to the breadth of input that you're seeking.	Hansard	30-31
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	88	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Infrastructure	Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Senator Wong, can I follow on from that? Ms Perkins, at the last estimates hearing, we looked at the infrastructure spend that is happening in relation to different sites. I believe the training facility close to Cockatoo Island is part of that spend. Given some concerns that have been raised in the media about that particular spend and its usage or potential benefit or connection with assets that belong to foreign governments, do I understand that the infrastructure spend that Defence is undertaking is purely and only for Defence purposes and there is no direct or indirect benefit to any other entity that belongs to a foreign government? Ms Perkins: That's certainly my understanding, if we're talking about the Yampi Sound training area. Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: No, I'm not just talking about Yampi. Yampi was part of a much broader scheme, as I understand, right across Australia. If you can't assist me, I'd be happy for you to take that on notice, but I think it's very important. I know that there have been media reports, and certain allegations have been raised in the media in relation to potential benefits. I'd really appreciate some clarity on that to put those to bed as well. Ms Perkins: Yes, that might be more helpful if we take that on notice and break down the spending across northern Australia.	Hansard	33
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	89	Sarah Henderson	Capability	CHAIR: Wait a minute. I've just been sent a message from Senator Henderson: 'Yes, all phases in total. Am watching.' Given that, can I please be provided with an answer to: what's the scale of the investment now that the program has been extended? She would like an answer in relation to all phases in total. Major Gen. Bottrell: I will have to come back to you with the total FSP detail, unless the Head Land Capability has that at hand with him. But I will be able to put my hands on that very shortly. CHAIR: Take that on notice. For the Hansard and secretariat, if these answers will be forthcoming to the questions on notice, they can be directed to Senator Henderson rather than myself.	Hansard	34

Department of Defence	2/06/2021	90	Penny Wong	Submarines	<p>Senator WONG: Has anyone from Navy or the Department of Defence engaged with them in relation to that process, not officer training?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: I have not, and I'm not aware of any direct interaction with the Dutch navy.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What does 'direct' mean?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: I'm not aware of any contact with the Dutch navy on their future submarine requirements.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Mr Moriarty, can you take that on—</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: I will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	35
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	91	Penny Wong	Submarines	<p>Senator WONG: So, what else in the SPA do you say ensures that the majority of the first or the second boat has to be built in Australia? Tell me the clause.</p> <p>Mr Sammut: Can I take that on notice and come back to you with particular clauses?</p>	Hansard	37
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	92	Penny Wong	Submarines	<p>Mr Sammut: The contract change proposal refers to the submarine design contract. You'll notice that there is a requirement to ensure that the ACE expenditure in a cumulative sense is reported as part of normal reporting.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Sammut: So, under the work we are doing now, we expect to see those reports. I don't know when the first one is precisely due. I'll come back to you on that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When is it approximately—this year some time?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: Yes, I anticipate—</p> <p>Senator WONG: What's the interval period for reporting?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: Can I come back to you on that?</p>	Hansard	41
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	93	Penny Wong	Security Breaches	<p>Senator WONG: So no report of the events of 23 March 2019—for example, the late night office entry or even the alleged sexual assault—were reported to Defence?</p> <p>Ms Jones: No. I think, you may recall that, at the last estimates, we discussed the fact that from a Defence perspective a security breach would relate to an issue involving Defence personnel, ADF or APS, Defence information or Defence property, and none of those issues came into play on that night.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes. I'm not going to re-traverse that. There were, from memory, at least two DLOs in the office at the time? Maybe only one.</p> <p>Ms Jones: I believe there was only one but I can check that.</p>	Hansard	42
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	94	Penny Wong	Security Breaches	<p>Senator WONG: Did the alleged perpetrator, the staff member who was terminated following those events, hold a departmental pass?</p> <p>Ms Jones: At the time they would have had a—well, they had a Parliament House pass. In terms of whether their access—sometimes advisers have departmental passes. I would need to check on whether or not that person was—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you do that and can you tell me when the pass was returned or revoked?</p> <p>Ms Jones: Yes. But—</p> <p>Senator WONG: If you have to take the first one on notice—</p> <p>Ms Jones: If there was a departmental pass—</p> <p>Senator WONG: If there was a pass, could you also give me that information on notice, please?</p> <p>Ms Jones: We can.</p>	Hansard	42
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	95	Penny Wong	Security Breaches	<p>Senator WONG: Do you know who asked the person, the staff member, before his termination, for those IT items to be returned?</p> <p>Ms Jones: The only information I have is that the DLO emailed us to confirm that the iPhone and iPad had been recovered.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did that happen?</p> <p>Ms Jones: That information was sent to us on 26 March.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I would like to ask on notice for that email from the DLO.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: So the removal of network access occurred on 26 March</p> <p>Ms Jones: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Just explain to me again: that was at the request of—</p> <p>Ms Jones: The DLO in the Minister for Defence Industry's office.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And you were going to check for me how you became aware of that request. Was it by email?</p> <p>Ms Jones: Yes, it was.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Have you provided that email?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I haven't provided it, but we can provide it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I would like to have that email provided, please. Ms Jones: Yes</p>	Hansard	43, 51

Department of Defence	2/06/2021	96	Jacqui Lambie	Security Breaches	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Sorry, Senator Wong. I just have a couple of questions of my own about the IT equipment. Were the phone and the emails shut down at the same time?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I don't know that they were at exactly the same time. I think it was definitely on the same day. But I'd need to check and take on notice exactly how contemporaneous those two issues were.</p>	Hansard	44
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	97	Jacqui Lambie	Security Breaches	<p>Senator LAMBIE: The standard practice is that, if you get a staff member's email shut down, someone in that office is allocated to check what messages are coming through to that email address. Do you know if that was done, or was that shut down immediately?</p> <p>Ms Jones: My understanding is that they were no longer provided with access to the Defence email system, so they could no longer receive messages. What you're describing is not something that I'm familiar with, and I would need to take that on notice and check whether that is at all a possibility.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Okay. I just want to know if somebody else in that office was still monitoring those emails. Even though it's been closed down and you cannot interact with it, you can still check the emails coming through. Can you tell me if that was the case—if someone was assigned to check anything coming through his email?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I can't speak to that. I would have to take that on notice. My understanding is that the email account was actually discontinued. I don't think it would be the case that someone could keep monitoring it, but I would need to check that.</p>	Hansard	44
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	98	Janet Rice	Personnel	<p>Senator RICE: Can you take that on notice, as to what knowledge you may have as to whether IDAHOBIT morning teas actually did proceed?</p>	Hansard	45
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	99	Janet Rice	Red Carpet	<p>Senator RICE: Thank you. In contrast, has the minister commented at all on the red carpet that was deployed for the Prime Minister at Williamstown air base last month?</p> <p>CHAIR: We have, Senator Rice, canvassed that courtesy. Was it Senator Ayres?</p> <p>Senator Payne: At some length, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RICE: It's just a straightforward question. I wasn't listening, but I don't want to spend too much time on that.</p> <p>CHAIR: Alright.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Has the minister commented on that?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I don't know if he's specifically commented on it. The Chief of Air Force spoke to the protocols yesterday, but I will check if there's been a specific comment.</p>	Hansard	46
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	100	Janet Rice	Personnel	<p>Senator RICE: Can you confirm also that the second note that was sent said:</p> <p>... changing language protocols and those events such as morning teas where personnel are encouraged to wear particular clothes in celebration ... are not required and should cease.</p> <p>Ms Greig: I can double-check, but, from what you've just read out, I think that is what it said.</p>	Hansard	46
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	101	Janet Rice	Personnel	<p>Senator RICE: Will the official Australian Army LGBTI pride pin that was released by Army headquarters in 2013 still be authorised to be worn on uniform in the week preceding the Sydney mardi gras parade, in accordance with the Army Dress Manual?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I think the dress manual is not as you've quoted it, but I'm going to have to refer to the Chief of the Army on that. He is the master of the Army's uniform.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: The badge to which you refer, the Army's Rising Sun, is a brand, is protected and must stand alone. Any badges that have a Rising Sun badge in combination with other things have been removed from our dress manual. So the badge that you refer to will no longer be worn.</p> <p>Senator RICE: When was that withdrawn?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: It was a few years ago. I don't recall the time.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you take that on notice? I wasn't aware of that.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: We can, yes.</p>	Hansard	47
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	102	Janet Rice	International Relations	<p>Senator RICE: What's the process that you go through with the people you are training in country? When they are getting a visa to come to Australia, how do you access information to determine whether they are indeed appropriate people to train or whether they are human rights abusers?</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey: It might be better if we take that on notice and I get you the process we would apply for training in Australia or training activities in the countries we are engaged with.</p>	Hansard	48
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	103	Janet Rice	International Relations	<p>Senator RICE: How about in Sri Lanka?</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey: With Sri Lanka we have a more modest defence cooperation program. We do engage. I'm not sure that I have the specific figures for the program here, but I can get those to you on notice if you wish.</p>	Hansard	49
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	104	Janet Rice	International Relations	<p>Senator RICE: How about Israel?</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey: Again I would need to take that on notice</p>	Hansard	49

Department of Defence	2/06/2021	105	Janet Rice	MOU	Senator RICE: Can you provide a copy of the 2017 MOU you just mentioned? Mr Moriarty: I'll take that on notice but we'll seek to do that.	Hansard	49
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	106	Janet Rice	Infrastructure	Senator RICE: When did Defence first start looking at selling the site? Mr Grzeskowiak: The last government decision was in May 2017. Senator RICE: But prior to then? Mr Grzeskowiak: That was on the strategy, in the detail, of how we go forward. I'd say we'd been looking at disposing of that site for a good few years before 2017. To get a specific date, I'd have to take that on notice.	Hansard	49
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	107	Janet Rice	Infrastructure	Senator RICE: Can you take on notice, because I haven't got the time to go into it, the current knowledge of PFAS across sites in Victoria, where they're at with decontamination and the current work that's going on with any of those sites? Mr Grzeskowiak: For all the sites in Victoria? Senator RICE: Yes, please. Mr Grzeskowiak: I can take that on notice.	Hansard	51
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	108	Jacqui Lambie	Security Breaches	Senator LAMBIE: If you're talking about the same account I've had shut down with previous employees, I can tell you it takes longer than two hours. It's a 24-hour shutdown. They can deactivate it, but it takes longer than two hours. Can you please double-check that? And you must have reasoning; in that email, there must be damn good reasoning why that is being shut down. That is why that email is really important. By the way—I'm still not 100 per cent sure whether or not you are just not answering the question—the problem is: here, usually someone else in that office is designated, while that account is on close-down, to check anything else that is coming through that email account. Can you tell me whether or not someone else had authorisation to check that?	Hansard	52
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	109	Penny Wong	Security Breaches	Senator WONG: Okay. Who is the DLO? Is that person here? Ms Jones: No. Senator WONG: I think it is germane. It is important for us to understand who told the DLO on the 26th that the person was terminated, because the evidence from Finance clearly is that they were not on that date. They were not terminated till the fifth. ...Senator WONG: But I want to know who told them. Senator Payne: So let us put these on notice in a short turnaround sense.	Hansard	52
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	110	Penny Wong	Security Breaches	Senator WONG: No. That may or may not be the case. The point is that advice is given to the relevant department that the person is terminated. The evidence to the parliament, through the Senate committee, is that the person was not terminated for at least another nine days. So there's got to be a reason for that. It was 10 days. Okay, has anybody reviewed the content of any of the emails to or from that account around this date, regarding the alleged perpetrator? Senator Payne: I do not believe so. Senator WONG: Anyone in the ICT branch? Mr Pearson: I'll take that on notice.	Hansard	53
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	111	Penny Wong	Security Breaches	Senator WONG: I don't need names, but I would like to know whether anybody from the Department of Defence or the ADF has been interviewed by the AFP. Ms Jones: Yes, they have. Senator WONG: Are you able to tell me how many? Ms Jones: Can I take that on notice? I might be able to provide you with that information.	Hansard	53
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	112	Penny Wong	Land	Senator WONG: Who's the financial review being done by? And what's the cost of that contract? Mr Fraser: I'll get you those details, but it's being done by PwC. Senator WONG: And can you tell me the value of the contracts with them? Mr Fraser: I'll get those for you, Senator.	Hansard	55
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	113	Penny Wong	Land	Senator WONG: What are the proportions in there for acquisition and sustainment? Mr Fraser: It will be in the order of \$930 million in acquisition. Senator WONG: So about half a billion. Mr Fraser: I'll have to take the precise figure on notice.	Hansard	56
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	114	Janet Rice	Personnel	Earlier versions of the Army Dress Manual have included the "Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade (first Saturday in March, including the week preceding the parade)—Army Pride Pin" in the list of authorised occasions to wear a "poppy/badge/ribbon/pin", while the current version does not. When was it removed? Whose decision was it to remove it? What was the prompt for removal?	Written	

Department of Defence	1/06/2021	115	Janet Rice	Personnel	Are Pink Ribbon pins, White Ribbon pins, NAIDOC pins, and poppies still authorised Army pins/ribbons/badges/poppies? What similar events have members of the defence forces been encouraged to support through circulars to staff since 1 January 2020 - eg White Ribbon Day, Shave for a Cure? Are there any proposals to curtail these activities going forward? Has the Minister identified them as activities that distract from Defence's primary mission?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	116	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	Malaysia is going through a nasty COVID outbreak. The country's gone into lockdown and many hospital ICUs are at full capacity. What protections are in place for the Australian troops and families stationed at the RMAF Base Butterworth?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	117	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	Are there external workers or other people who are coming and going off base? If so, how is the ADF making sure the virus doesn't make its way on base?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	118	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	How many COVID positive cases have there been on base so far? a. If it's more than zero: i. Has anyone on base gotten so sick that they needed to be put on a ventilator and / or go to hospital? ii. Have there been any issues getting them medical treatment?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	119	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	How many people have requested or been offered an evacuation from Butterworth back to Australia since the Malaysian outbreak? How many evacuations have occurred? How many have been approved?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	120	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	Can the ADF guarantee that Australian soldiers and their families will be evacuated back home if they get dangerously sick with this virus?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	121	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	Are any Australian troops and their families at Butterworth fully vaccinated? a. If yes: i. What share of the Australians at Butterworth have gotten both their shots? SQ21-000ii. When did Australians on base start getting vaccinated? How long have vaccines been available? iii. Is the ADF distributing the vaccines to Australians on base?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	122	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	Have Australians aged under 50 been offered the Pfizer vaccine, or is AstraZeneca their only option? a. If Pfizer is not an option: Has the Department of Defence or the ADF done anything to secure Pfizer vaccines for the Australian troops on base?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	123	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	Is the ADF offering additional mental health support to people stationed at Butterworth?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	124	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	In August last year it was reported Defence had commissioned an independent expert, Professor Tom Frame, to do a study examining cultural and leadership failings involving the special forces as part of the response to the Brereton Report. What's the progress on that study?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	125	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	Does Professor Tom Frame's study involve human participants?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	126	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	Was Professor Tom Frame required to complete an ethics approval process through the Defence and DVA Human Research Ethics Committee? If not, why not?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	127	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	It was reported in August that Professor Tom Frame's study may be used as reference materials for academics and the ADF. What process does Professor Frame need to go through in order to publish research that was commissioned by the ADF and involves ADF members?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	128	Penny Wong	Land	Senator WONG: To your knowledge did any of this come to light, in whole or in part, as a consequence of engagement from either the British government or the United States? Mr Zlabur: Not to my knowledge. Senator WONG: Can you take on notice whether that's the case in relation to any of your team? Mr Zlabur: Certainly.	Hansard	59
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	129	Kimberley Kitching	NSEAP	a) Did the Naval Shipbuilding Expert Advisory Panel (NSEAP) provide advice to the draft update of the 2017 Naval Shipbuilding Plan? (Mr Dalton confirmed a draft was circulated in November at a Departmental level)? b) If yes, how was that advice provided? c) If no, does the NSEAP expect to provide input or advice on the draft Plan that has been circulated? d) Has NSEAP been provided with a copy of the draft Naval Shipbuilding Plan? When was it provided to the NSEAP?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	130	Kimberley Kitching	NSEAP	a) Has the Naval Shipbuilding Expert Advisory Panel (NSEAP) provided guidance or input into the negotiations between Defence and Naval Group on the detailed design phase of the Future Submarine project? b) [If YES] When was this provided? What was the type of feedback? [If NO] Does the NSEAP expect to provide guidance or input into	Written	

					<p>the design phase negotiations?</p> <p>c) A requirement for the hull qualification section on Future Submarines was included in the integrated master schedule delivered to Defence in 2017. Has NSEAP provided advice on this step? When was that advice provided?</p> <p>d) Has the NSEAP engaged with Saab Kockums about the Collins Class LOTE or Full Cycle Docking, or considered material related to that firm in relation to LOTE and FCD?</p> <p>e) Has there been any engagement with Saab Kockums?</p> <p>f) Has the NSEAP advised the Defence Department or the Government to engage with Saab Kockums on any aspect of the Collins or Attack Class programs?</p> <p>g) Has the NSEAP engaged directly with the Australian Navy – not CASG but Navy itself – about either the Collins or Attack Class programs?</p> <p>h) Has NSEAP engaged with Commodore Tim Brown, Director-General of Submarine Capability, in his Navy role or his additional role on the Capability Enhancement Review? If so, which? When?</p> <p>i) If yes to (h), were alternatives to the Attack Class discussed?</p> <p>j) Vice Admiral Hilarides confirmed he still engages with former Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board member Mr Winter. How many times have you engaged with Mr Winter, and what are the dates and manner of that engagement?</p> <p>k) How would Mr Winter’s advice to the PM differ from the NSEAP? Mr Winter has held various positions and consultancies in Australia regarding naval shipbuilding for the last 10 years – what fresh advice or perspective would he offer for \$500,000 a year?</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	131	Kimberley Kitching	NSEAP	<p>Collins Class Submarines – LOTE and FCD</p> <p>a) Has the Department of Defence or the Government (including Cabinet subcommittees) asked for advice to inform a decision about the future location of Full Cycle Docking for the Collins Class on or since 1 November 2020?</p> <p>b) If yes to (a), when was that advice requested and when was it provided?</p> <p>c) Has the Department of Defence or the Government (including Cabinet subcommittees) asked for advice on or since 1 November 2020 to inform a decision about the timeline and number of submarines to undergo Life of Type Extension for the Collins Class?</p> <p>d) If yes to (c), when was that advice requested and when was it provided?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	132	Kimberley Kitching	Submarines	<p>On June 2, 2021, the Department Secretary responded to questions about alternatives and contingency planning to the Future Submarine project. Mr Moriarty stated “I wouldn’t refer to it as plan B; I’d say prudent contingency.” (p.29, FADT Hansard, 2 June 2021). Over the course of hearings on 1 and 2 June, TKMS 214 was ruled out as an alternative being considered. However, on 2 June when asked if a Saab Kockums capability was considered, Mr Moriarty responded “I’m not going to go into those pathways” and confirmed earlier testimony that TKMS 214 was ruled out (p.30, FADT Hansard, 2 June 2021).</p> <p>a) Has a Saab Kockums capability been canvassed as part of prudent contingency planning? If so when?</p> <p>b) Does the prudent contingency planning include capabilities beyond submarines with personnel such as (but not limited to) unmanned underwater capabilities?</p> <p>c) Please provide a high-level overview of the types of capabilities that could replace or complement Future Submarines, including (but not limited to) alternative submarines, and unmanned surface, undersea and aerial capabilities. (For clarity – this question does not ask for firm types nor extensive detail on specific capabilities, not ask for detail that could compromise strategic and national security priorities; rather it seeks general information about capability options relevant to established public priorities such as those outlined in the 2016 Defence White Paper and the 2020 Strategic Update)</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	133	Kimberley Kitching	Submarines	<p>a) In response to Question on Notice 117 (from March 2021 Estimates), Defence didn’t properly respond to the question, based on reports in March, as to whether “Naval Group [was] cutting previously planned levels of training for Australian workers?” However, in the response Defence said “Investment in training is detailed in the Naval Group’s offer for the next phase of work, which has been presented to Defence for review”. What phase of work does this relate to? Is it the design phase?</p> <p>b) Has this phase been agreed to?</p> <p>c) Has Defence formed a view on Naval Group’s offer on the next phase of work as it pertains to investment in Australian workers? Was the offer acceptable?</p> <p>d) How many jobs and/or training positions have been lost in the 2020-21 financial year?</p> <p>e) Is Australia experiencing skills shortages in naval shipbuilding?</p> <p>f) How many qualified submarine engineers are available to both ASC and Naval Group to deliver domestic programs given they will run in parallel?</p> <p>g) What work has been done to identify where skills could be brought into Australia should shortages emerge in coming years?</p>	Written	

Department of Defence	1/06/2021	134	Kimberley Kitching	Submarines	<p>a) Ministerial Advice released under FOI shows the Government was advised a decision on Collins LOTE was required by mid-2015. This advice was given to the Minister in December 2013 – seven and a half years ago. The advice states a decision was required in mid-2015 on “Approval of the scope of the Collins LOTE activities ... To ensure continuum of submarine capability between Collins and Future Submarine”. After December 2013, on what other occasions did Defence provide Ministerial advice with timeframes for decisions on LOTE?</p> <p>b) What were the recommended dates for making a decision on Collins LOTE?</p> <p>c) Can Defence confirm that the Collins Class LOTE funding line was SEA1450 but is now known as CN62? (If not, can Defence clarify the difference between SEA1450 and CN62?)</p> <p>d) Mr Dalton confirmed in Estimates (p.40, Hansard, FADT 1 June 2021) that the Collins LOTE is expected to have first pass approval this calendar year. Can more specific detail be provided on the expected timing of LOTE first pass approval? Has it been approved yet?</p> <p>e) Mr Sammut also stated in March Estimates Defence would “be taking advice to government for gate 1 this financial year”. Has that advice been provided to Government?</p> <p>f) [If YES] When was that provided? [If NO] When will it be provided? There are only a few weeks left this financial year.</p> <p>g) In response to Question on Notice F115 from 2019-20 Additional Estimates, ASC Pty Ltd referred to the concept development phases for the life of type extension of the Collins class submarines as comprising ‘Part A’ and ‘Part B’ projects. Please advise the Committee what these Parts mean?</p> <p>h) In response to a follow up Senate question relating to this, the Minister said “the scope, timeframes and milestones for the Part A and Part B projects remain subject to Government consideration”. Is that still the case? Was a timeframe on these decisions made?</p> <p>i) The 2020 Force Structure Plan notes that the out-turned costs for Collins LOTE is between \$3.5 billion and \$6 billion. Does that remain the current Estimate?</p> <p>j) If yes, will that Estimate be revised as part of the first-pass approval? When will the next Estimate be quantified?</p> <p>k) If no, what is the current Estimate for the LOTE?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	135	Kimberley Kitching	Submarines	<p>a) On May 6, 2021, Ben Packham in The Australian reported that “Mr Dutton... is considering a proposal to engage the original Collins builders, Saab Kockums, to work as strategic partners with the government-owned ASC... to overhaul the [Collins Class submarines]”. When did Minister Dutton receive this proposal? Who did he receive the proposal from?</p> <p>b) The report in The Australian also states “Mr Dutton is also looking at an option to engage Saab Kockums to develop a \$50m-\$100m design scoping study for a “Son of Collins” boat” as an alternative to Future Submarines. Who provided this proposal to Mr Dutton, and when did he receive it?</p> <p>c) In response to Question on Notice 124 – where Senator Kitching asked if Saab Kockums had been engaged with Defence on the Collins LOTE issue – Defence responded “no.” Since that response and Estimates hearings, has Defence engaged with Saab Kockums about the Collins LOTE? [If YES] When and what type of engagement?</p> <p>d) Is Defence planning any engagement with Saab Kockums?</p> <p>e) Why has Defence decided not to engage with Saab as the OEM designer of the Collins class? Who made this decision and was it approved by ministers/NSC?</p> <p>f) In February 2015, the then Head of the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO), Warren King, noted in Senate Estimates that Saab had an important role to play in upgrading the Collins submarines, noting “They were the original designers of [Collins Class], and so they are the obvious organisation to look at how you would take that design and modernise it.” In December 2013, Defence “Contracted [Saab] to do work on the feasibility to evolve the Collins design into our future submarine.” Why has Defence’s position changed on this matter?</p> <p>g) Wouldn’t Defence typically engage with an OEM designer of a platform to understand the latest technologies and capabilities that could be included in an upgrade and to reduce program risk? Why is Saab and the Collins LOTE upgrade different?</p> <p>h) Does Defence have any contemporary knowledge of the investment Saab has made in Kockums since 2014 or of the company’s submarine capability, engineering workforce and capacity to support the Collins LoTE? [If YES] How was a contemporary assessment of Saab’s capability made, who did it, and when?</p> <p>i) When was the last time a Navy or Defence delegation visited Saab in Sweden to assess its capability and capacity to support the Collins upgrades?</p> <p>j) A report in the Australian Financial Review (Andrew Tillett, “Shot across the bows on submarine contract,” AFR, 18 January 2021) states that “top Defence officials are examining the possibility of replacing the ageing Collins class submarine with an updated version of the original boat” as an alternative to the Attack Class. Has Defence engaged with Saab Kockums about an alternative to the Attack Class?</p>	Written	

					k) Can a list of engagements be provided – including submissions (government or from third parties), emails, and meetings – between the Minister’s office and Saab Kockums or their associated entities, since Mr Dutton became Minister for Defence?		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	136	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	<p>a) What are the capabilities that will be provided by the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft?</p> <p>b) How will the Triton contribute to Defence’s intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities and to the ADF’s wider Force Structure plans?</p> <p>c) The US State Department recently approved the potential sale of 12 MQ-9B Sky Guardian drones to Australia. Has a decision been taken to acquire 12 MQ-9Bs?</p> <p>d) What is the budget in Australian dollars for the MQ-9B drones?</p> <p>e) When do we anticipate taking delivery of the MQ-9B drones?</p> <p>f) Will the MQ-9Bs primarily have a role in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance?</p> <p>g) A recent statement by senior military and civilian leaders of the US Air Force about the suitability of existing ISR platforms for the more contested environments of the future was included in the US Air Force’s Posture Statement delivered to the US Congress in May 2021. The statement said current ISR platforms had operated largely in uncontested environments and future threats would challenge their ability to successfully execute their missions. It said adversaries were already fielding technologies that would put US Air Force legacy ISR platforms at risk. Is Defence aware of these discussions about the suitability of today’s ISR platforms for the more contested environment of tomorrow – what is Defence’s view on these issues?</p> <p>h) The Posture Statement said the US Air Force would seek to retire its older Block 30 RQ-4 Global Hawk drones because they are ineffective in contested environments. The Triton is a maritime variant of the Global Hawk. Should we be concerned that Australia is acquiring Tritons just as the US Air Force is moving to retire similar platforms?</p> <p>i) The USAF Posture Statement says ISR capabilities need to transition from existing platforms to advanced new technologies, including sensing grids, commercial platforms and 5th and 6th generation capabilities. Is the ADF examining these new ISR capabilities?</p> <p>j) Defence is investing several billion in the Tritons and the MQ-9Bs – how much is it investing in emerging ISR technologies?</p> <p>k) The Australian Strategic Policy Institute’s Michael Shoebridge has raised the issue of vulnerabilities to low-cost autonomous weapons such as the drones used by Azerbaijan to destroy Armenian tanks last year (“Australia needs powerful partners if it must go to war”, 8 May 2021, The Strategist blog, https://www.aspistrategist.org.au). He writes that in an era of “low cost lethality” it is a mistake for Defence to be “buying small numbers of elaborate, very expensive systems that are hard to get, slow to replace and not made here.” He cites the Tritons and MQ-9B drones as examples. How does Defence respond to those concerns?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	137	Kimberley Kitching	Infrastructure	<p>a) On 28 April 2021, the Prime Minister was at Robertson Barracks to announce \$747 million of upgrade to NT training facilities. Are these the same upgrades that went to closed tender on 13 May 2019 in Tender ID AZ6194?</p> <p>b) What is the funding profile of the \$747 million by year? (Reports say the \$747 million was over 5 years, but it is not clear where over the forward estimates this will be spent).</p> <p>c) The Prime Minister’s media release states that “construction is expected to commence in the second half of 2021, with completion expected by mid-2026”. Is the Robertson upgrade expected to be completed in 2026? (If not, when).</p> <p>d) The original tender estimate was \$300 million to \$489 million. The Prime Minister said that the final approval was after the Government could “significantly ramp up and upgrade that project to what it is now” to reach the \$747 million figure. What parts of the base upgrades were changed from the first pass or when the 2019 tender went out?</p> <p>e) The Prime Minister stated on 28 April 2021 that the second pass approval – the final approval – was given the day prior. Was the final approval given on 27 April 2021?</p> <p>f) When was the second pass submission developed? When was the advice completed?</p> <p>g) The 2016 Defence White Paper refers to upgrades to a number of training bases in the NT including Robertson Barracks where the PM did his press conference. Was the White Paper flagging the upgrades the PM was referring to in April?</p> <p>h) If YES to (g), the 2016 White Paper stated “A number of ADF training areas in northern Australia will receive upgrades by 2020, including ... Robertson”. Why was the Prime Minister re-announcing a project that was meant to be delivered last year? Why will it now be delivered six years late?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	138	Kimberley Kitching	Land	<p>a) Are the Land 907 Phase 2 Main Battle Tanks having their capability reconstituted? Can Defence provide an overview of what is being upgraded?</p> <p>b) Does this include modifying armour?</p> <p>c) Who is contracted for the upgrade, and what minimum Australian Industry Content requirements are imposed on the project?</p> <p>d) (If no AIC requirements) Why is there no AIC requirement for this project?</p> <p>e) (If “off the shelf”) If armour is being modified – how is that off the shelf if Defence is adapting tanks for Australia’s capability needs?</p>	Written	

					<p>f) I understand that Remote Weapon Stations for tanks allow a gunner to operate a weaponised system from a protected position. Who is making the Remote Weapons Stations for LAND 907? Is it Kongsberg?</p> <p>g) During the Eden-Monaro by-election on 2 July 2020 the Prime Minister did a press conference talking about buying 251 Australian made remote weapons stations. He said in the media release for that announcement: “[W]e must have a robust and resilient defence industry that maximises opportunities for small businesses and supports Australian jobs and local investment.” How can the PM’s statement be correct when there are no AIC requirements on this project and no attempt to maximise opportunities for Australian businesses and workers on this project?</p> <p>h) Is it correct that General Dynamic Land System is the OEM of the tanks? If yes, has Defence engaged with General Dynamic Land System on whether such integration is already proven and can be done in a reasonable time?</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	139	Kimberley Kitching	Air	<p>a) In relation to the audit of flammable cladding that was completed in 2018 and that identified 5 sites requiring remediation. Can Defence update the Committee on the status of remediation of the following sites: HMAS Penguin in Sydney, HMAS Cairns, RAAF Townsville, Fishermans Bend Laboratories (Melbourne), and RAAF Edinburgh (SA)?</p> <p>b) If the remediations have not been completed, why hasn’t the remediation been completed? When is it expected to be completed?</p> <p>c) Has the Minister requested a briefing about this issue of safety for Defence personnel?"</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	140	Kimberley Kitching	Climate	<p>a) Which part of the Department of Defence assesses the risks posed by climate change?</p> <p>b) Have any of the previous six Defence Ministers in the last eight years sought a briefing on the risks of climate change to national security or defence capability from a Defence assessment? [If YES] Which minister(s)? When?</p> <p>c) While it is understood the Department can’t go into specifics of advice for Government, please provide a high-level understanding of Defence’s assessment of climate risk.</p> <p>d) Is climate change a strategic and/or national security issue?</p> <p>e) What risks does it pose to our regional capabilities, for example, if Navy resources continue to be used for evacuations such as those in Mallacoota?</p> <p>f) ABC’s 730 program reported that for much of a 30-year military career, a former Department of Defence director of preparedness and mobilisation (until February 2020) Ms Cheryl Durrant’s job involved assessing climate risk. “But Ms Durrant... said she was repeatedly told by the government not to use the term climate change in her work because it was politically unacceptable.” What directives did the Government give to Defence officials to not use (or to minimise usage of) the term “climate change”?</p> <p>g) Has the Government responded to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Reference’s Committee report Implications of climate change for Australia’s national security?</p> <p>h) Is it correct that Australia’s last national security risk assessment was conducted in 2013? Will the Government conduct a national security assessment with reference to climate change?</p> <p>i) Ms Durrant’s biography says she helped create the Office of the Defence Climate and Security Advisor. Does that office still exist?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	141	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	<p>a) On 19 May 2021, the Defence Department announced it will establish a Space Division headquarters within the Royal Australian Air Force in early 2022. When was that decision made?</p> <p>b) Was this a decision Defence made unilaterally or was it a Government decision?</p> <p>c) Was the announcement of a Space Division in order to effect the Space Capabilities outlined in the Force Structure Plan 2020?</p> <p>d) [If YES to c] Defence’s media release of 19 May 2021 quotes Air Marshal Hupfeld as saying the Government has committed to investing \$7 billion in Defence’ space capabilities this decade. Is this \$7 billion is based on the 2020 Force Structure Plan? Is the \$7 billion part of the \$270 billion Defence capability investment figure in the 2020 Defence Strategic Update?</p> <p>e) Can Defence provide a breakdown of the \$7 billion over the decade and the forward estimates?</p> <p>f) On p.63 of the 2020 Force Structure Plan there is a diagram with longer term costs and broad areas of spending. What general programs are in the Satellite Communications and Space Situational Awareness streams?</p> <p>g) How much of the \$7 billion has been spent to date? What have funds been spent on to date?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	142	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	<p>Information relating to AWM’s Roll of Honours and Awards</p> <p>The Opposition has been contacted by Mr Ian Reid about the Australian War Memorial’s Roll of Honours and Awards. Mr Reid has provided materials including correspondence from Mr Peter Hayes to Defence in relation to this issue. They state that while there are over 46,000 records on the Australian War Memorial’s Roll of Honours and Awards, only 53 (as of March 2020) are from conflicts post-1975. A link provided (https://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search/people?roll=Honours%20and%20Awards&people_roll_type=award&ppp=100) corroborates this general finding. An email from Ms Cole in Defence Person Group to Mr Reid states: “I note your concern that Defence records have not been transferred to the</p>	Written	

					<p>Memorial. The Archives Act 1983 imposes statutory obligations on Commonwealth Departments and agencies for the management of official records, and Defence is committed to information and record keeping practices that comply with legislation and government policy. The Archives Act 1983 does not place obligations on Defence to make records available to Australian War Memorial: rather, access to Commonwealth records, including Defence records, under the Act is administered by the National Archives of Australia. Defence understands the Memorial will add names of award recipients to its database on request. The Memorial can also utilise official records available from the sources described above, as a basis to expand its honours and awards database.”</p> <p>a) Can Defence confirm all relevant records – that is, Defence records that can be added to the AWM’s Roll of Honours and Awards – are available to and administered by the National Archives of Australia?</p> <p>b) Mr Reid has provided information provided to him by the National Archives in 2019 stating: “The records you are seeking are covered by the Defence Military Personnel Records Authority, developed in 2002 (see attached). The specific entries for Honours and Awards are covered under 3920 - 3923, found on page 28-29 of the attached. While these records are retain as National Archives, they are to be retained in the custody of the Australian War Memorial (AWM), under the provisions of the Act.” Can Defence confirm whether the relevant Defence records are in the custody of the War Memorial or the National Archives?</p> <p>c) Mr Reid states he received the following response from former Memorial Director Mr Brendan Nelson about the matter in late 2018: “The answer is quite straight forward, the Memorial does not hold the records or citations and therefore cannot digitise them for the roll. The roll contains only those citations and recommendations for which the records have been passed to the Memorial by the Department of Defence to become part of the National Collection.” Can the Department confirm that Defence has not handed over the majority of post-1975 citations and recommendations to the Memorial?</p> <p>d) Can Defence clarify how the advice that there is no obligation on Defence to make the records available to the AWM, and the December 2019 advice from the NAA that the records are to be retained in the custody of the AWM, can both be correct?</p> <p>e) Mr Reid states that he was advised by Mr Nelson “The Memorial will add the original records to the online Roll of Honours and Awards once they have been released by Defence.” Are there remaining records that have not been released to either the NAA or AWM? If so, which organisation(s) and how many records? When will Defence release any remaining records?</p> <p>f) Can Defence undertake to work with AWM and NAA to audit how many records have not been transferred and added to the Awards and Honours Roll? If not, why not?</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	143	Kimberley Kitching	Shipbuilding	<p>a) Is CASG considering supporting incumbent Type 26 suppliers from the UK program to set up shop in Australia? Will this count towards AIC?</p> <p>b) Will incumbent suppliers to the Type 26 program be awarded the Batch 1 contracts without competition?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	144	Kimberley Kitching	Land	<p>a) How much would it cost to purchase and sustain 2 Leonardo AW139 helicopters to carry out the role the leased helicopters will be doing?</p> <p>b) What does the lease with Toll Helicopters include – please provide lease requirements</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	145	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Industry	<p>a) It was announced in the 2021-22 Budget that the Department will provide \$500,000 to the Resources Technology Showcase to be held in Perth on June 21-22. How did this arrangement come about?</p> <p>b) Did the organisers of the event approach the Department/Minister or any other Member of the government?</p> <p>c) Did the Department identify an opportunity to promote Defence and Defence Industry and approach the organisers of the event?</p> <p>d) Who runs this Showcase?</p> <p>e) Did external party make the approach to Defence for funding? How did they make the approach? Did they ask for a specific dollar figure, if so how much?</p> <p>f) How did the Government identify this particular event as the one to provide funding for? How were the organisers approached and who was involved in the discussions?</p> <p>g) What due diligence was carried out by the Department to ascertain value to the taxpayer of this funding? What assurances were sought that all funds are spent on the showcase?</p> <p>h) Is the Department providing a similar funding arrangement for any other showcases that aren’t specifically related to defence?</p> <p>i) Did the Showcase rely on this funding to go ahead or would it have occurred without taxpayer funding?</p> <p>j) What person or entity received the \$500,000?</p> <p>k) When was the person/entity receiving the funding notified?</p> <p>l) Was there an AusTender notice for this arrangement?</p> <p>m) When was Defence notified about the Showcase?</p>	Written	

					n) What branches of the ADF had booths at the Showcase? o) What defence industries had booths at the Showcase as a result of this funding?		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	146	Kimberley Kitching	Land	a) Who supplies the ADF with its pistol grade ammunition? b) It is understood that ADI has had issues producing ammunition due to problems with the propellant manufacture. Is this correct and how has it affected ammunition supply to the ADF? c) Was there any time where Defence's stockpile fell below minimum required levels? d) If so, what work was done to ensure any shortfalls in training stockpile and/or stockpile for operations were addressed? e) There is only a certain amount of propellant that can be produced locally due to storage requirements and environmental factors and it is difficult to transport internationally, so what work, if any has been done to ensure that Defence will have the necessary stockpile of ammunition? f) Does Australia have a secure sovereign supply chain that can produce all the components required for the manufacture of ammunition? Or are we reliant on overseas components and in turn global supply chains? g) If we don't manufacture primer in this country, and we can't access the global market (particularly during a conflict), how would we acquire the necessary ammunition to equip our soldiers? h) If this problem arose during a conflict scenario, when countries would be stockpiling equipment for their own purposes does Defence have a plan are in place to ensure ADF personnel would have enough ammunition? i) How much ammunition in dollar terms is required to train the Army to a state of readiness for deployment to a conflict? j) How much is Australia currently using in dollar terms to attain the required level of capability and readiness according to the current doctrine and training schedules.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	147	Kimberley Kitching	Sea	a) Are HMAS Supply's potable water tanks contaminated? Or have they ever been contaminated while sailors have been on board? b) How did the tanks become contaminated? c) When did the Navy become aware of the contamination? d) How is this affecting the sailors on board with regard to personal hygiene? e) Has there been any issues with electrical work on the ship, that is earth faults, reversed wiring and incorrect voltage connections? f) Have these been rectified and was anyone injured as a result of the faulty work? g) Have all outstanding serious faults been rectified?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	148	Kimberley Kitching	Shipbuilding	With respect to the Offshore Patrol Vessel acquisition project and Table 3.2 on page 207 of the ANAO's 2019-20 Major Projects Report setting out the original planned and achieved/forecast acceptance dates for the 12 vessels, have any of the achieved/forecast dates in the table now changed? If yes, provide the new achieved/forecast acceptance dates for each vessel.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	149	Kimberley Kitching	Shipbuilding	With respect to the Offshore Patrol Vessel acquisition project, what are the current forecast or achieved dates of Initial Materiel Release, Initial Operational Capability, Final Materiel Release and Final Operational Capability?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	150	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	Provide the Committee with a list of capability acquisition project approvals granted by Government during financial year 2020-21 including the project number, the approved budget (where applicable), the approval stage, and the date of approval.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	151	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	Provide the Committee with a list of capability acquisition projects scheduled to be considered for approval by Government during financial year 2021-22 including the project number and the approval stage scheduled for consideration.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	152	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	With respect to the \$270 billion in funding provided by the Government to 2029-30 for capability investment, provide the Committee with a list of the investments which comprise this \$270 billion amount.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	153	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	With respect to the \$270 billion in funding provided by the Government to 2029-30 for capability investment, what is the breakdown of this figure between military equipment acquisition costs, sustainment costs and other inputs to the capabilities?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	154	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	For each of the following capability acquisition projects what was the date of second pass approval, what was the budget as of second pass approval and what is the current total approved budget: 1) Deployable Defence Air Traffic Management and Control System, AIR 5431 Ph 1 2) ADF Identification Friend or Foe and ADS Broadcast, JNT 90 Ph 1 3) Wideband Transportable Land Terminals, JP 2008 Ph 5B1.1 4) Combined Communications Gateway Geraldton, JP 2008 Ph 5B1.2A 5) Satellite Ground Station – East and Wideband SATCOM Network Management, JP 2008 Ph 5B2 6) Airborne Early Warning and Control Interoperability Compliance Upgrade, AIR 5077 Ph 5A 7) Rapid Environmental Assessment, JNT 1770 Ph 1 8) Hercules C-130J Block Upgrade, AIR 5440 Ph 1 9) Fixed Defence Air Traffic Control Surveillance Sensors, AIR 5431 Ph 2	Written	

					<p>10) Jindalee Operational Radar Network upgrades, AIR 2025 Ph 6</p> <p>11) Submarine Escape and Rescue System, SEA 1354 Ph 1</p> <p>12) Ground Based Air and Missile Defence Enhancement (LAND 19, Ph 7B)</p> <p>13) Advanced Growler Development (AIR 5349, Ph 6)</p> <p>14) Weapons and Countermeasures for NACC (AIR 6000, Ph 3)</p> <p>15) COMSEC Remediation (JNT 9141, Ph 1)</p> <p>16) Special Operations Capability Enhancement (LAND 1508, Ph 1)</p> <p>17) Australian Defence Force Deployable Health (JNT 2060, Ph 3G2)</p> <p>18) Joint Counter Improvised Explosive Device (LAND 154, Ph 4)</p> <p>19) Navy Guided Weapons Sub-Program (SEA 1300, Ph 1)</p> <p>20) AWD Aegis Capability Upgrade (SEA 4000, Ph 6)</p> <p>21) Collins Satellite Communications (JNT 9103, Ph 1)</p> <p>22) Long Range ISREW Aircraft (AIR 555, Ph 1)</p> <p>23) Ground Based Air and Missile Defence Enhancement (LAND 19, Ph 7B)</p> <p>24) COMSEC Remediation (JNT 9141, Ph 1)</p> <p>25) Australian Defence Force Deployable Health (JNT 2060, Ph 3G2)</p> <p>26) Joint Counter Improvised Explosive Device (LAND 154, Ph 4)</p> <p>27) Navy Guided Weapons Sub-Program (SEA 1300, Ph 1)</p> <p>28) AWD Aegis Capability Upgrade (SEA 4000, Ph 6)</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	155	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	<p>Capability acquisition project budget and expenditure history</p> <p>For each of the following capability acquisition projects provide a table showing the project budget and expenditure history, including dates, amounts and reasons for any budget variations since the original second pass approved budget, as per the format and information contained in the ANAO Major Projects Report Project Data Summary Sheets standard Table 2.1 [“Project Budget (out-turned) and Expenditure History”]:</p> <p>1) Deployable Defence Air Traffic Management and Control System, AIR 5431 Ph 1</p> <p>2) ADF Identification Friend or Foe and ADS Broadcast, JNT 90 Ph 1</p> <p>3) Wideband Transportable Land Terminals, JP 2008 Ph 5B1.1</p> <p>4) Combined Communications Gateway Geraldton, JP 2008 Ph 5B1.2A</p> <p>5) Satellite Ground Station – East and Wideband SATCOM Network Management, JP 2008 Ph 5B2</p> <p>6) Airborne Early Warning and Control Interoperability Compliance Upgrade, AIR 5077 Ph 5A</p> <p>7) Rapid Environmental Assessment, JNT 1770 Ph 1</p> <p>8) Hercules C-130J Block Upgrade, AIR 5440 Ph 1</p> <p>9) Fixed Defence Air Traffic Control Surveillance Sensors, AIR 5431 Ph 2</p> <p>10) Jindalee Operational Radar Network upgrades, AIR 2025 Ph 6</p> <p>11) Submarine Escape and Rescue System, SEA 1354 Ph 1</p> <p>12) Ground Based Air and Missile Defence Enhancement (LAND 19, Ph 7B)</p> <p>13) Advanced Growler Development (AIR 5349, Ph 6)</p> <p>14) Weapons and Countermeasures for NACC (AIR 6000, Ph 3)</p> <p>15) COMSEC Remediation (JNT 9141, Ph 1)</p> <p>16) Special Operations Capability Enhancement (LAND 1508, Ph 1)</p> <p>17) Australian Defence Force Deployable Health (JNT 2060, Ph 3G2)</p> <p>18) Joint Counter Improvised Explosive Device (LAND 154, Ph 4)</p> <p>19) Navy Guided Weapons Sub-Program (SEA 1300, Ph 1)</p> <p>20) AWD Aegis Capability Upgrade (SEA 4000, Ph 6)</p> <p>21) Collins Satellite Communications (JNT 9103, Ph 1)</p> <p>22) Long Range ISREW Aircraft (AIR 555, Ph 1)</p> <p>23) Ground Based Air and Missile Defence Enhancement (LAND 19, Ph 7B)</p> <p>24) COMSEC Remediation (JNT 9141, Ph 1)</p> <p>25) Australian Defence Force Deployable Health (JNT 2060, Ph 3G2)</p>		Written

					<p>26) Joint Counter Improvised Explosive Device (LAND 154, Ph 4)</p> <p>27) Navy Guided Weapons Sub-Program (SEA 1300, Ph 1)</p> <p>28) AWD Aegis Capability Upgrade (SEA 4000, Ph 6)</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	156	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	<p>Capability acquisition project schedules</p> <p>Provide a table showing, for each of the following capability acquisition projects, the dates of originally approved Initial Operational Capability (IOC) and Final Operational Capability (FOC), the dates of currently approved IOC and FOC, the dates of currently forecast IOC and FOC, whether IOC or FOC has been achieved and, in cases where IOC or FOC has been achieved the dates on which those milestones were achieved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Multi-Role Helicopter (AIR 9000 Ph 2/4/6) 2) Future Naval Aviation Combat System Helicopter – MH-60R Seahawk (AIR 9000 Ph 8) 3) Deployable Defence Air Traffic Management and Control System (AIR 5431 Ph 1) 4) Fixed Defence Air Traffic Control Surveillance Sensors (AIR 5431 Ph 2) 5) Civil Military Air Traffic Management System (AIR 5431 Ph 3) 6) F-35A Joint Strike Fighter (AIR 6000 Ph 2A/B) 7) Battlefield Command System (LND 200 Ph 2) 8) Overlander Medium Heavy Capability Vehicles (LAND 121 Ph 3B) 9) Protected Mobility Vehicle – Light (LND 121 Ph 4) 10) Tactical Training Vehicles (LND 121 Ph 5) 11) ADF Identification Friend or Foe and ADS Broadcast (JNT 90 Ph 1) 12) Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5A – UHF SATCOM (JNT 2008 Ph 5A) 13) Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5B1.1 – Wideband Transportable Land Terminals (JNT 2008 Ph 5B1.1) 14) Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5B1.2A – Combined Communications Gateway Geraldton (JNT 2008 Ph 5B1.2A) 15) Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5B1.2B – MASTIS Terminal Upgrade (JNT 2008 Ph 5B1.2B) 16) Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5B2 – Satellite Ground Station East and Wideband SATCOM Network Management (JNT 2008 Ph 5B2) 17) Airborne Early Warning and Control Interoperability Compliance Upgrade (AIR 5077 Ph 5A) 18) Maritime Operational Support Capability – Replacement Replenishment Ships (SEA 1654 Ph 3) 19) Rapid Environmental Assessment (JNT 1770 Ph 1) 20) Hercules C-130J Block Upgrade (AIR 5440 Ph 1) 21) Jindalee Operational Radar Network Upgrade (AIR 2025 Ph 6) 22) Air Warfare Destroyer Build (SEA 4000 Ph 3) 23) Maritime Patrol and Response Aircraft System – P-8A Poseidon (AIR 7000 Ph 2B) 24) Offshore Patrol Vessel (SEA 1180 Ph 1) 25) EA-18G Growler Airborne Electronic Attack Capability (AIR 5349 Ph 3) 26) Advanced Growler Development (AIR 5349, Ph 6) 27) Battlefield Airlift – Caribou Replacement (AIR 8000 Ph 2) 28) Battlespace Communications System Phase 2B (JP 2072 Ph 2B) 29) Collins Class Submarine Reliability and Sustainability (SEA 1439 Ph 3) 30) Collins Class Communications and Electronic Warfare Improvement (SEA 1439 Ph 5B2) 31) Collins Sonar Capability Assurance (SEA 1439 Ph 6) 32) Helicopter Aircrew Training System (JP 9000 Ph 7) 33) Night Fighting Equipment Replacement (LAND 53 Ph 1BR) 34) Maritime Communications Modernisation (SEA 1442 Ph 4) 35) ANZAC Air Search Radar Replacement (SEA 1448 Ph 4B) 36) MQ-4C Triton Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (AIR 7000 Ph 1B) 37) Mounted Combat Reconnaissance Capability (LND 400 Ph 2) 38) Submarine Escape Rescue and Abandonment System (SEA 1354 Ph 1) 39) Pacific Patrol Boat replacement (SEA 3036 Ph 1) 40) Long Range ISREW Aircraft (AIR 555, Ph 1) 		Written

					41) Ground Based Air and Missile Defence Enhancement (LAND 19, Ph 7B) 42) Weapons and Countermeasures for NACC (AIR 6000, Ph 3) 43) COMSEC Remediation (JNT 9141, Ph 1) 44) Special Operations Capability Enhancement (LAND 1508, Ph 1) 45) Australian Defence Force Deployable Health (JNT 2060, Ph 3G2) 46) Joint Counter Improvised Explosive Device (LAND 154, Ph 4) 47) Navy Guided Weapons Sub-Program (SEA 1300, Ph 1) 48) AWD Aegis Capability Upgrade (SEA 4000, Ph 6) 49) Collins Satellite Communications (JNT 9103, Ph 1)		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	157	Kimberley Kitching	Sea	HMAS Waller In relation to media reports of a fire on HMAS Waller in April 2021: a) What are the details of this incident b) What was the cause of the fire c) What repairs are needed d) Had HMAS Waller recently completed a Full Cycle Docking (FCD) at the time of the fire; if yes, when had the FCD been completed e) When had HMAS Waller been expected to resume active service following the FCD f) When is it now expected to resume service g) Will there be any impact on the wider Full Cycle Docking program or on other planned maintenance activities or upgrades to the Collins Class submarines due to the incident with HMAS Waller.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	158	Kimberley Kitching	Air	The US Government Accountability Office statement "F-35 Sustainment: Enhanced Attention to and Oversight of F-35 Affordability Are Needed" dated 22 April 2021 reported that in fiscal 2020 the US F-35 fleet had an average annual mission capable rate (the percentage of time during which the aircraft can fly and perform one of its tasked missions) of 69 per cent and an average annual full mission capable rate (the percentage of time during which the aircraft can perform all of its tasked missions) of 39 per cent. What were the average mission capable rates of the ADF's F-35 aircraft in 2020-21?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	159	Kimberley Kitching	Air	What were the annual sustainment costs for the ADF's F-35 aircraft for the fleet as a whole and on a per aircraft basis in 2020-21.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	160	Kimberley Kitching	Air	What is Defence's current out-turned dollar estimate of long-term sustainment costs for the ADF's full complement of 72 Joint Strike Fighter.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	161	Kimberley Kitching	Ministerial Responsibilities	What are the current portfolio responsibilities of each of the Defence portfolio Ministers?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	162	Kimberley Kitching	Ministerial Responsibilities	a) Why did the "Ministers and their Portfolio Responsibilities" section on page 3 of the Defence Portfolio Budget Statements 2021-22 not include any details of Ministers' portfolio responsibilities which have been included in every previous Defence Portfolio Budget Statement since 2007-08. b) Who decided not to include details of Ministers' portfolio responsibilities in the Ministers and their Portfolio Responsibilities section of the Defence Portfolio Budget Statements 2021-22.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	163	Kimberley Kitching	Ministerial Responsibilities	In relation to the statement on the "Ministers" section on Defence's website (https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/) that Assistant Minister Hastie's Portfolio responsibilities are "Duties as directed by the Minister for Defence," what duties has the Minister for Defence directed Assistant Minister Hastie to perform?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	164	Kimberley Kitching	International Relations	What are the reasons for the decline in estimated 2020-21 expenditure on the Defence Cooperation Program from the revised estimate of \$176.95 million given in Defence's 2020-21 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (page 84) to the estimated actual of \$126.99 million given in the 2021-22 Portfolio Budget Statements (page 103)?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	165	Kimberley Kitching	Budget/Finance	Provide the Committee with a copy of the Defence workforce census for March 2021 referred to by Mr Groves in evidence to 2021-22 Budget estimates (at page 82 of Hansard for 2 June 2021).	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	166	Kimberley Kitching	Budget/Finance	With reference to the evidence from Mr Groves that the Defence workforce census for March 2021 showed Defence engaged 6,810 contractors (Hansard, 2 June 2021, page 83), what work roles were performed by these 6,810 contractors. If the variety of roles is too large to provide the Committee with every case, provide the 50 most common roles performed by the 6,810 contractors.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	167	Kimberley Kitching	Budget/Finance	With reference to the evidence from Mr Groves that the Defence workforce census for March 2021 showed Defence engaged 6,810 contractors (Hansard, 2 June 2021, page 83): a) What was the total weekly or monthly amount paid by Defence for the 6,810 contractors engaged at March 2021 b) What is the annualised equivalent of the amount paid by Defence for the 6,810 contractors	Written	

					engaged at March 2021 c) Provide a breakdown of the total amounts paid for the 6,810 contractors engaged at March 2021 between: remuneration paid directly to contract workers; remuneration paid via entities such as recruitment or personnel agencies or vendors who provide contract workers to Defence: non-remuneration costs such as recruitment or personnel agency fees and on-costs; other costs incurred by Defence. d) In annualised terms, what were the minimum, maximum and average amounts paid to individuals across the 6,810 contractors engaged at March 2021		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	168	Kimberley Kitching	Budget/Finance	With reference to the evidence from Mr Groves that Defence did not provide the “full definition” of contractor to the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (Hansard, 2 June 2021, page 83), provide the Committee with the full definition of contractor used by Defence for the workforce census.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	169	Kimberley Kitching	Security	In relation to the 6,810 contractors engaged by Defence as at March 2021 (Hansard, 2 June 2021, page 83), how many contractors were working at comparable levels of skills and responsibilities to Defence Australian Public Service staff in each of the following APS classifications: APS Level 1, APS Level 2, APS Level 3, APS Level 4, APS Level 5, APS Level 6, Executive Level 1, Executive Level 2, Executive Level 2.1, Executive Level 2.2, Senior Executive Service Band 1, Senior Executive Service Band 2, and Senior Executive Service Band 3.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	170	Kimberley Kitching	Budget/Finance	With reference to evidence from Mr Groves that Defence spent an estimated \$1.52 billion on contractors in the 2019-20 financial year (Hansard, 2 June 2021, page 85): a) How many contractors were engaged on a head count basis during 2019-20 b) What was the size of the contractor workforce during 2019-20 on an average full-time basis c) What is the breakdown of the \$1.52 billion cost by remuneration to contractors, fees or other charges paid to vendors, and other costs incurred by Defence d) What was the average annual cost incurred by Defence per contractor during 2019-20.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	171	Kimberley Kitching	Budget/Finance	With reference to evidence from Mr Groves that Defence spent an estimated \$1.52 billion on contractors in the 2019-20 financial year (Hansard, 2 June 2021, page 85), what was the annual cost to Defence of contractors for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2020-21?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	172	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	For each of 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21: a) What was the size of the Australian Public Service Defence workforce on an average full-time basis b) What were the total salary costs incurred by Defence for its Australian Public Service workforce c) What were the total non-salary costs incurred by Defence for its Australian Public Service workforce	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	173	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	With respect to the announcement of an \$800 million defence training plan for North Queensland, which was part of the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative, and the statement in the joint media release of 17 November 2020 by Minister Reynolds, Minister Price, Mr Thompson and Senator McDonald that “CPB Contractors has committed to sourcing about 90 per cent of work from the North Queensland region surrounding the proposed training area”: a) Can the Department define what is considered as the “North Queensland region” for the purposes of this commitment. b) Has the Department awarded any tenders to contractors for the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative’s Greenvale Range c) If yes, can the Department advise the Committee who the successful tenderers have been, where successful tenderers are based and where their workforce is sourced from.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	174	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Industry	In relation to the following evidence at the Additional Estimates 2020-21 hearing on 24 March 2021: Senator KITCHING: Has the transfer of CIDC from the department of industry to the Department of Defence been completed? Mr Fraser: It is in transition but it is now residing within the Department of Defence. The full transition will take a period of time, but it is now within the Department of Defence. Senator KITCHING: What's remaining? It's in there, but is there anything else transitioning? Mr Fraser: Just some of the personnel. It's a phased approach with a number of personnel and continuing the capability. a) Has the CDIC transfer from the Department of Industry to the Department of Defence been completed? b) If no, is this transition still on track to be completed by the end of this month? c) Given Mr Chesworth’s title is ‘First Assistant Secretary, CDIC Transition’, once this transition is completed, will that position no longer exist?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	175	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Industry	In relation to the following evidence at the Additional Estimates 2020-21 hearing on 24 March 2021: Senator KITCHING: There was a suggestion from Minister Price and Minister Reynolds that a business with more than 200 employees—there was a limitation on entities with 200 employees. Has that been lifted? Mr Chesworth: Not at this stage. But it is the subject of advice we are currently providing to government and will be providing to ministers shortly. The reason is that we want to be aware of all of the implications for programs, particularly in relation to demand.	Written	

					<p>a) Has this limitation been lifted now? b) If no, when will this occur?</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	176	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Industry	<p>In relation to the following evidence at the Additional Estimates 2020-21 hearing on 24 March 2021:</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: When you did the review, there was a recommendation that the CDIC's role and purpose be updated to reflect the 2024 structure plan, an increased industry capability focus and progression of policy since the CDIC was established in 2016. Has the CDIC's role and purpose been updated in response to that recommendation? Mr Chesworth: We're in the process of doing that at the moment. I would describe my role as being in two parts. I've been there since September last year, when the CDIC review was handed down. The first part was essentially to shepherd the transfer of the CDIC from the department of industry to the Department of Defence—almost like a mini-MOG change—and now we are working on role responsibilities and functions so that they align with the Force Structure Plan and the Defence Strategic Update.</p> <p>a) Has the process of updating CDIC's role and purpose in response to this recommendation now been completed? b) If no, when will this occur?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	177	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Industry	<p>The Department provided an organisation chart as at 13 April 2021 in response to Question on Notice 46 of 21 March 2021. Despite CDIC moving into Defence in late 2020/early 2021, there appears to be a First Assistant Secretary for CDIC Transition under the First Assistant Secretary for Australian Industry Capability but no actual CDIC element within CASG.</p> <p>a) Where is CDIC located within Defence? b) If CDIC is located in CASG, where in CASG is CDIC located? c) Who is the head of CDIC answering to within CASG? d) How many staff does CDIC now have? e) What has happened to the FAS CDIC Transition role now?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	178	Kimberley Kitching	Submarines	<p>In relation to the Department of Defence's Contestability Division:</p> <p>a) What is the role of the Contestability Division? b) Please provide an organisation structure/chart for the Contestability Division. c) How many staff in each of the areas or branches of the Contestability Division? d) Does the Contestability Division engage any contractors in-house or are all staff Defence employees? e) At what stages, gates and passes of a project is the Contestability Division involved and, for each of these stages, to whom does the Division provide advice? f) Can advice from the Contestability Division result in the termination of a project or merely change in scope or selection of proponent? g) What advice has the Contestability Division provided in relation to the selection of Naval Group for the Future Submarine project? h) What other advice has the Contestability Division provided regarding the Future Submarine project and to whom? i) If the Contestability Division has provided advice on Future Submarine project, what risks have been identified? j) Provide the Committee with a copy of that advice? k) If the Contestability Division has not provided advice on Future Submarine project, why has the Division not provided such advice, what is the point of having a Contestability Division if it has not provided such advice and at what further stages will the Division provide advice regarding the Future Submarine program? l) Has the Contestability Division been involved in considerations of any alternatives for the Future Submarine project?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	179	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	<p>Provide the Committee with a copy of the audit report commissioned into S2 Wetsuits. If the audit report has not been finalised, provide the Committee with the latest draft of the report that was prepared.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	180	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	<p>What were the reasons for Defence's decision to switch from a successful, fit-for-purpose, small business in Perth to an alternate special forces wetsuit supplier that manufactured products that had comfort and temperature concerns?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	181	Kimberley Kitching	Submarines	<p>a) How many times have Minister Dutton, Minister Price or the Assistant Minister for Defence met with the Premier of South Australia, Mr Marshall? b) Have these meetings discussed Full Cycle Docking? c) How many times have Minister Dutton, Minister Price or the Assistant Minister for Defence met with the Premier of Western Australian, Mr McGowan?</p>	Written	

					<p>d) Have these meetings discussed Full Cycle Docking?</p> <p>e) Given that Mr Whiley of ASC Pty Ltd effectively stated that there is no more information that could be reasonably provided to aid Federal Government FCD location decision-making, what is Minister Dutton and Cabinet waiting for, in order to make this FCD decision moving forward?</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	182	Kimberley Kitching	Capability	<p>Chironix is a small, Perth-based systems integration and software development SME who are currently working with the US Department of Defence on Project Simpson, which involves additions to Boston Dynamics' mobile robotic dog Spot for Defence applications. The US Department of Defence would like Australia to support this initiative with a contribution of approximately \$800,000, but the Morrison Government has refused support. Why has the Australian Government not taken up an offer from the United States since May to join the US Project Simpson for robotics autonomous logistics, a Project which already involves an Australian company but has no ADF involvement?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	183	Kimberley Kitching	COVID-19	<p>a) Do HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide have the capacity to diagnose and treat COVID cases if they were used to repatriate Australians stranded overseas?</p> <p>b) How many people could be transported back to Australia on each vessel if they were used to repatriate Australians stranded overseas?</p> <p>c) Has Defence considered using either or both of the Canberra class vessels to repatriate Australians from high risk countries?</p> <p>d) Has the Minister sought advice from Defence about what ADF assets could be used to return stranded Australians?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	184	Kimberley Kitching	Budget/Finance	<p>Can Defence please provide advice in relation to its external workforce:</p> <p>a) Can you provide a list of all external contractor positions?</p> <p>b) What is the average length of service for external contractors? Can you provide this information by division?</p> <p>c) The committee understands that based on Defence's figures provided to the committee last year, the average contractor is costing about \$283,000, or more than twice (132 per cent) the average cost of a Defence public servant at \$121,000. Does Defence agree with these estimates?</p> <p>d) The committee understands the department spent \$1.52 billion on contractors in 2019-20. Can Defence confirm this figure? Is this likely to be the total cost of contractors in 2020-21 too?</p> <p>e) On the basis of these contractor costs, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute's (ASPI) has estimated it is costing Defence \$1.1 billion more than if these workers were public servants. Does Defence agree with this estimates and conclusion?</p> <p>f) It has been suggested the cost of contractors now makes up more than 10 per cent of Defence's acquisition budget. Can Defence confirm this?</p> <p>g) Does the Department expect to hire more external contractors over the forward estimates and the next 10 years?</p> <p>h) Does Defence believe the cost of external contractors is sustainable over time?</p> <p>i) In addition to the cost, it has been argued that the high number of contractors being hired risks deskilling and demoralising Defence's own workforce through high turnover. What is the department doing to address the high levels of APS staff turnover? What is the department doing to maintain and build capacity in its APS workforce?</p> <p>j) Can the department provide a breakdown of labour hire staff and other contractors?</p> <p>k) How many contractors have been engaged through labour hire firms?</p> <p>l) Can Defence advise which labour hire firms the department engages and how many? Are any of them multi-national firms?</p> <p>m) What is the percentage paid on top of the hourly rate for contractors or labour hire workers to the labour hire company? What services are the labour hire companies providing for that fee?</p> <p>n) What is the turnover rate for workers engaged under labour hire arrangements, by division?</p> <p>o) The latest Defence census showed there are 314 consultants engaged by Defence. Can the department explain what tasks or functions they are involved in?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	185	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	<p>Can Defence provide advice on the ADF workforce and recruitment.</p> <p>a) What is Defence doing to meet current 2016 Defence White Paper ADF recruitment targets?</p> <p>b) Given the workforce in 2020-21 is expected to be around 60,400 personnel, is Defence on track to meet the White Paper target of around 62,400?</p> <p>c) Is Defence doing anything to address specific skill shortages?</p> <p>d) Further to the 2020 Defence Strategy Update (DSU) and Force Structure Plan increase of 800 personnel, is a new Defence workforce strategy still expected to be released later this year? Can Defence advise how many personnel will be in the new plan?</p> <p>e) Is Defence confident it will have enough people under the new workforce plan to operate the future force?</p> <p>f) Can Defence confirm that the DSU already incorporates funding for the new workforce strategy and targets? Therefore, will the new</p>	Written	

					<p>workforce numbers not involve any new funding?</p> <p>g) The Defence Portfolio Budget Statements 2021-22 (p. 19) mention that a key reform and workforce initiative for 2021-22 is a modernised ADF Recruiting System and that Defence is looking for an industry partner to deliver this from financial year 2023-24. The Minister's media release of 19 May announced four short-listed respondents and that a decision on the successful supplier will be made in October. Can Defence advise of the rationale for this tender? Does this indicate problems or concerns with the current recruiting system?</p> <p>h) Is this tender currently held by Manpower Services? Are there any concerns with Manpower's performance?</p> <p>i) Can Defence advise the likely cost of the new tender?</p> <p>j) Can Defence outline what is doing to address recruitment and retention challenges?</p> <p>k) Can Defence provide an update on its "offer modernisation" project to analyse recruitment and retention factors?</p> <p>l) The consultation themes for the Royal Commission into defence and veteran suicide included a reference to ADF recruitment. Does Defence expect to provide input to the Royal Commission?</p> <p>m) Does Defence have any concerns currently about the impact on the mental health of current and former ADF personnel from the recruitment system and processes? Would Defence expect any Royal Commission findings to inform ADF Recruiting going forward?</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	186	Kimberley Kitching	Toll Transitions	<p>Can Defence provide advice on its contract with Toll Transitions. 2021-22 Budget Paper No 1 mentions "a wide range of litigation and other claims for compensation and/or damages that may result in litigation" (page 261). The posting cycle and relocating is a large stressor for families and one of the reasons cited for leaving the ADF due to the "impact of job demands on family/personal life" and a "desire to stay in one place".</p> <p>a) Do Toll Transitions (Toll) currently hold the contract to relocate defence families?</p> <p>b) When does the current contract expire?</p> <p>c) How many complaints have been received against Toll since the start of their contract?</p> <p>d) How many claims for compensation for damages have been lodged?</p> <p>e) How many of these are outstanding?</p> <p>f) How much has been paid to complainants over the life of the current contract?</p> <p>g) What conditions and/or penalties are in place to ensure Toll minimises and deals with complaints and claims for damages?</p> <p>h) Does Defence anticipate any of these claims will become litigated claims?</p> <p>i) Are there currently any outstanding litigated claims against Toll and or Defence in relation to personal property damage or other claims?</p> <p>j) Given that frequent moving is cited as one of the reasons given for leaving the ADF, is Defence addressing this as a retention issue?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	187	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	<p>The committee understands Defence has awarded a contract for the Joint Transition Authority (JTA) with the Department of Veterans' Affairs to consulting firm PwC.</p> <p>a) Can Defence confirm this? Can Defence advise the value of this contract?</p> <p>b) What is the nature of the work and tasks that PwC will be performing for the JTA?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	188	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	<p>Can Defence provide advice on women in Defence.</p> <p>a) Can Defence confirm that despite setting a target in 2019-20 to recruit 3,117 women across the Permanent and Reserve forces, only 1,646 women were recruited?</p> <p>b) Can Defence confirm that not only is it failing to meet recruitment targets, the percentage result is worse each year?</p> <p>c) Can Defence confirm that the net flow of women retained in the ADF has been consistently lower than it was in 2016-17?</p> <p>d) Can Defence confirm that, even though the percentage of women in the ADF has grown over the past five years by 4.1 percentage points, the increase in women promoted to senior officer positions has not kept pace with this?</p> <p>e) Can Defence advise the percentage of women serving in Senior decision-making roles?</p> <p>f) Does Defence believe the shortfall of women in senior positions has led to retention issues for women?</p> <p>g) What is Defence doing to address gender inequity and career advancement for women within the ADF?</p> <p>h) The 2019-20 Women in the ADF Report said five of the 11 Tier 1-3 senior Defence committees had no female ADF representation.</p> <p>a. Is this still the case?</p> <p>b. If yes, why is this the case?</p> <p>c. If not, what is the percentage representation of women on these boards?</p> <p>d. Does Defence have a policy for female representation on decision-making boards? If so, is this being implemented?</p> <p>e. What are the five committees without female representation?</p> <p>f. Why has the ADF failed to appoint women to these committees? What is being done to address this?</p>	Written	

					<p>g. Overall given that women represent around 19.5 per cent of the permanent ADF workforce, what percentage currently sit on boards or other decision-making positions?</p> <p>i) The report says that in 2019 four senior Defence women completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) "Women's Board Ready" program. Were these women already members of boards? If yes, which boards are they on and in what role? Have any of these women been appointed to decision making positions on boards? If yes, which boards were these women appointed to?</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	189	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	<p>Can the department please provide advice on sexual abuse and harassment in Defence.</p> <p>a) The committee understands that none of the 132 complaints of sexual abuse or assault, relating to 180 alleged perpetrators, referred to Defence by the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce (DART) have resulted in administrative or disciplinary action. Can Defence confirm this? Why has no action been taken?</p> <p>b) Given there were 132 complaints relating to 180 alleged perpetrators, does that mean there are multiple perpetrators or multiple incidents as part of the one complaint?</p> <p>c) Can Defence advise how many of the 180 accused are still working in the ADF?</p> <p>d) Since Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Office (SeMPRO) commenced records in 2013 is it true that of the total sexual assaults reported each year, the percentage of women reporting has grown from 72 to 81 per cent in 2019-20?</p> <p>e) Of the 161 cases reported to SeMPRO in 2019-20, is it true that 88 of those cases were aggravated sexual assaults?</p> <p>f) How many of those cases have been prosecuted?</p> <p>g) Of the 161 incidents reported, how many accused were members of the ADF?</p> <p>h) How many of the women who lodged complaints are still members of the ADF?</p> <p>i) How many of the complaints were referred for civilian prosecution?</p> <p>j) What are the latest statistics of incidents reported to Military Police and/or SeMPRO for this financial year or since the last annual report?</p> <p>k) What is SeMPRO doing to address these issues? Is it engaging in any proactive education or awareness raising activities within Defence?</p> <p>l) What is Defence doing more broadly to address sexual abuse, harassment, discrimination and misconduct in Defence?</p> <p>m) The Government has announced a Royal Commission into defence and veteran suicides, however the impact of sexual abuse on mental health was not included in the draft consultation themes. Would Defence agree this should be considered by the Royal Commission?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	190	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	<p>Can the department provide advice on the Auditor-General's report Defence's Implementation of Cultural Reform and the implementation to date of its Pathway to Change - Evolving Defence Culture 2017-2022 cultural reform strategy and related matters.</p> <p>a) The audit found Defence's development of the strategy did not draw fully on available evidence and, in particular, did not undertake a systematic evaluation of the preceding strategy from 2012-2017. How does Defence respond to this? What is Defence doing to drawing on lessons from the first round of reforms between 2012 and 2017?</p> <p>b) The audit identified flaws in how Defence tracked changes to its culture through the reform program. The ANAO said the project lacked structure in collecting information on how Defence's groups and services were progressing with the changes, and that Defence could not show it was achieving the objectives of the reform effort. How does the department respond to that finding and what is it doing to address this?</p> <p>c) Has Defence briefed the Minister for Defence and/or his office on the cultural reform strategy? Does the Minister support the strategy?</p> <p>d) Can Defence provide an update on the implementation of the Brereton report recommendations? The committee understands Defence is preparing a response to the report, including recommendations and an implementation plan. Can Defence confirm this?</p> <p>e) Can Defence advise the timeframe for this? Will any final decisions on this advice and the remaining recommendations go to the Government?</p> <p>f) Are issues of command and leadership accountability being considered as part of the implementation plan?</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	191	Kimberley Kitching	Infrastructure	<p>Can the department please provide advice on PFAS matters. In the budget the Government made contingencies for further litigation after "A number of claims have been received seeking compensation for alleged loss or damage arising from Defence use of aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) that contained man-made per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)."</p> <p>a) How many litigated claims have been lodged against the ADF?</p> <p>b) How many of these claims have been settled?</p> <p>c) How many non-litigated claims have been lodged with the ADF?</p>	Written	

					d) Of these claims how many have been settled? e) Have any of the non-litigated claims, if any, been denied? f) How much has the Government paid out in claims to date? g) Will the Government force litigated claims to court? h) How much does the Government estimate further claims will cost? i) Will the Government confirm a commitment to act as a model litigant in any outstanding claims?		
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	192	David Fawcett	Capability	Senator FAWCETT: Could you take on notice to provide the cost to the taxpayer of the failed Seasprite project, which came about through a number of decisions which were ill-informed? That would be a useful comparison, if we're evaluating cost. Mr Groves: Yes, I'm happy to take that on notice.	Hansard	86
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	193	Janet Rice	Capability	Are any drones or drone components currently on the Defence and Strategic Goods List? If yes -how does their listing on the Defence and Strategic Goods List impact on the export of those items to Turkey, or other countries?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	194	Malcolm Roberts	Judges	What are the criteria for appointment of Judges Advocates in the ADF?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	195	Malcolm Roberts	Judges	Are you aware that two Judge in the ADF, Chief Judge Advocate Michael Cowen and Deputy Judge Advocate Paul smith, have complaints against them related to the sexual assault case of Dr. Narelle Dawson-Wells, a former Deputy Director of the Crime and Misconduct Commission?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	196	Malcolm Roberts	Judges	Was the Minister or selection panel aware that Chief Judge Advocate Michael Cowen QC has already faced a Formal Inquiry after two former Supreme Court Judges and the Inspector-General (ADF) believed that there was enough evidence to proceed with an Inquiry?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	197	Malcolm Roberts	Judges	Was the Minister or selection panel aware that Judge Smith uploaded material about these degrading false sexual acts on the internet 15 months after his Decision was written and 9 days after his military colleague, Michael Cowen, lost a case against Dr Dawson-Wells?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	198	Malcolm Roberts	Judges	Was this an act to further degrade a victim of sexual assault and should these men be Judges in the ADF environment which has a high rate of sexual assault cases?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	199	Malcolm Roberts	Judges	Before the appointment of Chief Judge Advocate Michael Cowen to the ADF, was the Minister or selection panel informed that Michael Cowen QC was under investigation from the Crime and Misconduct Commission?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	200	Malcolm Roberts	Judges	Shouldn't ADF sexual assault victims have access to ADF judges who do not have a history of treating sexual assault victims with disrespect?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	201	Malcolm Roberts	Submarines	Now that it is established by the Secretary that Defence are actively examining prudent alternatives should the contract for the purchase of Attack submarines stall, what will be the cost to cancel the French Contract? When will such a decision be made?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	203	Malcolm Roberts	Capability	Will unmanned drones and other submarines be considered to fill the gap in defence capabilities?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	204	Malcolm Roberts	International Relations	What time frames are under consideration given the heightened tensions in the South Pacific, the South China Sea and the situation in Taiwan.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	205	Malcolm Roberts	Submarines	Is it now time to cancel the Contract for the Attack Class subs?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	206	Kristina Keneally	Personnel	1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021: a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	207	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Functions	1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.	Written	

					g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	208	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Functions	2. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided: i. List of dates and types of meals. j. List of all attendees. k. Function venue. l. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). m. Details of any food served. n. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. o. Any available photographs of the function. p. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	209	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	210	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	211	Kristina Keneally	Infrastructure	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	212	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	213	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	214	Kristina Keneally	Secretary Travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	Written	

Department of Defence	1/06/2021	215	Kristina Keneally	Information Sharing	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>2. For each year above, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of</p>	Written	
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					<p>these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	216	Kristina Keneally	Information Sharing	<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	217	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Leave	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to 30 May 2021. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	218	Kristina Keneally	Personnel	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	219	Kristina Keneally	Market Research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	220	Kristina Keneally	Advertising	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</p> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	221	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	222	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial</p>	Written	

					<p>events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	223	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial International Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	224	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Domestic Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	225	Kristina Keneally	Social Media Influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	226	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	228	Kristina Keneally	Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p>	Written	

					<p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	229	Kristina Keneally	Portfolio Boards	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	230	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	231	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	232	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	233	Kristina Keneally	Personnel	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	234	Kristina Keneally	Personnel	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p>	Written	

					<p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>		
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	235	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	236	Kristina Keneally	Congestion Busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	237	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	238	Kristina Keneally	Personnel	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, 31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	239	Kristina Keneally	Personnel	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	240	Kristina Keneally	Personnel	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	241	Kristina Keneally	Personnel	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	242	Kristina Keneally	Personnel	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	243	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</p>	Written	

Department of Defence	1/06/2021	244	Kristina Keneally	Budget/Finance	1 Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies. 2 Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	245	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of Interest	1 Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2 Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021?	Written	
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	246	Kristina Keneally	Gifts Register	1 Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2 Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021?	Written	
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	247	David Fawcett	Personnel	Take it back to recent evidence Mr King gave to an Estimates hearing, he made it clear that when DMO it was at the time and I assume CASG now, employs a professional service provider they specify the minimum qualifications and relevant experience before they employ them and he also gave evidence that the Department doesn't apply the same process to a uniformed or APS person going into the same role because in his evidence at the time, you have people that don't necessarily fit but they are the only people you have, so they don't necessarily have the task specific competence now that I think back in about 2013 and in 2018 that was still true and so when you say the word 'continues' it has been a very long journey I am very keen to understand that you have a target of both a particular target and timeframe you are working towards. GEN Campbell: I will take the target on notice.	Hansard	78
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	248	David Fawcett	Personnel	Senator Fawcett: I am happy for you to take this on notice but I would be considerably comforted if you would be able to indicate to me if you have a) identified the key positions in the capability lifecycle from both the commercial and technical perspective and for each of those positions you have actually got a job description that gives you the requirements so you know what your gap is and that is what has been missing for well over a decade or probably before that. So take it on notice by all means.	Hansard	78
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	249	David Fawcett	Reform	Senator Fawcett: Just finish on a note that it is ten years since cyclone Yasi. I think the bushfires from last year indicated that Navy has come a long way in terms of the engineering structure in terms of the technical regulatory structure and personnel and competence to achieve what they did so congratulations for that. I would just be interested to know whether as part of Plan Palorous?? and some of the other things this workforce plan, that the lessons of Rizzo – whether Defence more broadly and Navy particularly is going back and digging out those old Reviews and are we saying are they still true the reforms we have put in place or have we started to deviate again as we are moving forward. Happy for you to take this on notice.	Hansard	79
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	250	Rex Patrick	Land	Senator PATRICK: In the Defence annual report, just on the Boxer combat reconnaissance vehicle, there was a claim that: Rheinmetall Defence Australia is delivering and supporting 211 vehicles, through contracts ¹ valued at approximately \$3.3 billion (acquisition) and \$192 million over seven years (support), which will generate approximately \$1.3 billion ² and \$156.3 million in Australian industry participation respectively. Independent modelling over the capability's life indicates total economic benefit of \$10.2 billion. So, in relation to Army's combat reconnaissance vehicles, Rheinmetall basically gave some figures as to what the acquisition cost was and what the support cost would be and then they gave the Australian components. This is on page 154 of the Defence annual report 2019-20. They went on to say the independent modelling over the capability's life indicates a total economic benefit of \$10.2 billion. I'm just wondering who undertook that modelling? Major Gen. Coghlan: PricewaterhouseCoopers—independent as part of the tender process. Senator PATRICK: So it was part of the tender process. Was that part of the government's consideration in selecting that vehicle? Major Gen. Coghlan: Could I take a step back. We commission economic benefits on both tenderers and the AIC was very close between the two. So it would be fair to say it was not discrimination in the final recommendation. Senator PATRICK: I'm just wondering if, on notice, you could perhaps provide a copy of the winning tender—I'm interested in what's going to happen moving forward—and that evaluation to the extent that it's not classified. Major Gen. Coghlan: I will take that on notice.	Hansard	77
Department of Defence	1/06/2021	251	Kimberley Kitching	Sea	In relation to the fire on the HMAS Waller in April 2019: a) On what date did the fire occur? b) Can Defence lay out the events leading up to the fire? c) Was there more than one fire? If yes, what are the details? d) Can Defence confirm there were two floods on the submarine in the weeks leading up to the fire? e) On what date or dates did the floods occur? f) Did the second flood cause the electrical fire? If yes, what are the details? g) Did halon have to be dumped to address the fire? If yes, what are the details? h) Can Defence confirm explosives were kept on board HMAS Waller during this time?	Written	

					<p>i) Can Defence explain why it sent the submarine back out after the first flood?</p> <p>j) What caused the floods?</p> <p>k) What is Defence doing to ensure this doesn't happen again?</p>		
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	252	Penny Wong	International Relations	<p>Senator WONG:I'm also interested in how many you have received since the announcement of withdrawal?</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey: I will have to take that on notice</p>	Hansard	68
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	253	Eric Abetz	COVID-19 Recovery	<p>Mr Groves: I might refer that. There were two elements on which we have been heavily involved in working with industry. One was around a stimulus package of around a billion dollars that was absorbed within the Defence budget. I'll let the VCDF talk you through the detail of that. The other was a program that we conducted after the outset of COVID whereby we accelerated payments to Defence suppliers. I'll have to get you the exact number, but, over that period of time, we accelerated payments as soon as they were approved within our financial systems, regardless of contractual terms. We made payments early to make sure cash flowed through to suppliers quickly</p>	Hansard	82
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	255	Penny Wong	Land 200	<p>Senator WONG: Can you confirm that, in the last 12 months, this program has failed two security related milestones and that the Commonwealth enforced a stop-payment point last year?</p> <p>Major Gen. Stuart: To answer your question fully with regard to the contract, we'd need to have our colleagues from CASG join us.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure. Mr Zlabur: I'd have to take the details on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay</p>	Hansard	17
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	256	Penny Wong	Advice to Ministers	<p>Senator WONG: Have you provided advice to ministers about alternative capability pathways for submarine capability?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did you last provide advice? Mr Moriarty: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	30
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	257	Penny Wong	Saab Kockums	<p>Senator WONG: Has Minister Dutton received any briefings in relation to the TKMS 214 option?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: Not to the best of my knowledge. I'm fairly confident that, if he had, I would be aware of that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That is a valiant attempt, isn't it? This is the problem. Estimates committees are not about hypotheticals. Each time I put a hypothetical to you, Senator Abetz, correctly, tells me off. That is fine. We want evidence—not 'would have' or 'maybe'.</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: I am not aware of any contact. I will seek advice from the minister's office as to whether they've had any—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Why don't you check with your own people? Has he met with TKMS?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: Not to the best of my knowledge. The minister—all ministers sometimes make appointments that the department has no visibility—</p> <p>Senator WONG: You would usually provide briefing for meetings?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Saab Kockums?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: I have not provided a brief to the minister in relation to TKMS or Saab Kockums in relation to submarine matters. The minister recently visited a health facility in Brisbane. That was Saab Australia. We can confirm that. But, no, the department has not provided briefings to the minister on those two companies in relation to submarine matters—to the best of my knowledge. And I will check that.</p>	Hansard	55
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	258	Timothy Ayres	Board Meetings	<p>Major Gen. Bottrell: I held a strategic relationship board meeting with Thales about three weeks ago. Let me just see if I have the actual date here. Sorry, I don't have the date when we actually agreed the solution. I will take that on notice and come back to you on that. Senator AYRES: If you're able to, provide that later on</p>	Hansard	91
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	259	Penny Wong	Land 200	<p>Senator WONG: Did you consult with ASD about whether your framework, including this concept of provisional accreditation, was compliant with the ISM and ASD's framework? Mr Pearson: We would have. I cannot tell you the date, but I can find out for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I always dislike 'would have' as an answer—because nobody is actually answering the question.</p> <p>Mr r Pearson: The answer would be: yes, I believe so. Senator WONG: Can you confirm whether or not ASD was asked whether or not the Defence Security Principles Framework was compliant with the ASD ISM and, in particular, the creation of a category of provisional accreditation</p> <p>Mr Pearson: I will.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: How are you going, Mr Pearson?</p> <p>Mr Pearson: I do not have that information. I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>..</p> <p>Senator WONG: So you reckon you've got about 100? Mr Pearson: I am moving in an area that I'm not completely specifically correct on, but I will find out for you. Senator WONG: I'll wait for that. I don't think I've got anything further on that.</p>	Hansard	57-58

Department of Defence	2/06/2021	260	Rex Patrick	Land 200	<p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you. I was just listening to your response to my question you took on notice. In effect, you said you can't roll back to seven because you've gone to 7.1. Respectfully, in software engineering, they have systems in place that absolutely allow you to roll back a version. I don't believe that Elbit would not be able to do that. So I would ask if perhaps you could reconsider that answer, because I think it's reputationally damaging to Elbit for you to suggest that they couldn't roll back a version of software from one iteration back to another.</p> <p>Major Gen. Stuart: Yes, understood. You clearly know more about it than I do. We will come back to you with a more fulsome answer if that is satisfactory.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	60
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	261	Jacqui Lambie	Cromptvoets	<p>Ms Greig: In terms of Rapid Context and Dr Cromptvoets's work with Pathway to Change, in terms of the 2017-2019 work, I will take on notice the exact value of that work.</p>	Hansard	61
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	262	Jacqui Lambie	Cromptvoets	<p>Senator LAMBIE: What was Dr Cromptvoets's expertise in military sociology back in 2012, when the ADF first gave her a contract? Ms Greig: I would like to go back to 2012 and get the specific information, because other evidence was given yesterday in terms of Dr Cromptvoets's and Rapid Context's capabilities in this area. I'd really like to look at how we approached that at the time. Senator LAMBIE: That would be great. And also around that time, what research did the military use to support her so-called credentials back in 2012?</p>	Hansard	62
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	263	Jacqui Lambie	Cromptvoets	<p>Gen. Campbell: The work that Dr Cromptvoets did for a number of areas of the Department of Defence and the Australian Defence Force over approximately 10 years has been work governed under contract arrangements. It's the specificity of clauses in particular contracts that we need to look to. Senator LAMBIE: Would you be able to give me those details on notice, please? Gen. Campbell: Of the contracts that Dr Cromptvoets has been engaged on for the Department of Defence and the ADF? Senator LAMBIE: Yes. Gen. Campbell: Yes, sure. Senator LAMBIE: And the protections for participants, if there were any protections that were signed for. Gen. Campbell: Yes, Senator</p>	Hansard	63
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	264	Jacqui Lambie	Cromptvoets	<p>Senator LAMBIE: You've said that an ethics approval process would happen today. Were the requirements for ethics approval different back then? Gen. Campbell: They were. I'm going to ask a couple of our senior officers from Defence People Group to speak to that. Major General Natasha Fox, the head of People Capability, will talk you through the existing ethics framework and the circumstance in application at the time of the work done by Dr Cromptvoets. Senator LAMBIE: Maybe Ms Fox could actually just provide that to the committee. Is it going to be a long document? I have quite a few questions, so I'm happy to get that on notice. Gen. Campbell: Senator, before you put it on notice, I know General Fox could throw you the headlines very quickly, because I think it would be useful—then, should you wish it in more detail, in a question on notice. CHAIR: How long will that take? Because that will eat into Senator Lambie's time. Gen. Campbell: About three minutes. CHAIR: Are you happy with that, Senator? Senator LAMBIE: No, that's fine. No, I'll just put that on notice, thank you. CHAIR: Take it on notice, thank you. Gen. Campbell: Okay</p>	Hansard	64
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	265	Jacqui Lambie	Personnel	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I do, quickly. I do apologise—I'm not sure, General Burr, if you were involved in this last year. I think it was RSM Army and the former Minister for Defence, Minister Reynolds. We had the discussion. There were some issues going on at 7RAR. There was the RSM; I believe there were a couple of others. It was, I think, about September last year when I raised the issue. There was some shocking stuff going on over there. I was just wondering where that investigation is. Apparently the lieutenant colonel there at the time has been removed. They had issues with him. I felt there would have been enough evidence. And then someone was telling me he actually got re-posted out and has been promoted. So do you know anything about that? I would be really disappointed if someone's just been posted out, after accusations—and they were pretty bad accusations—about his management role over there, but nothing has been done and he's been promoted.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: Obviously, we'd need to respect the privacy of all individuals involved, and I will follow up our response to that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: That would be great</p>	Hansard	65-66
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	266	Jacqui Lambie	Investigation	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Thank you. I'm not going to do any more than that. I have tried sharing it in the past. It hasn't gone as far as it should through Defence. That's why I'm having to give you a little information—if you could just go and inquire. Can you tell me where the RMC investigation is at and when that report will be finalised? Lt Gen. Burr: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: That would be wonderful</p>	Hansard	66
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	267	Jacqui Lambie	Brereton	<p>Gen. Campbell: The Brereton inquiry had access to all operational documents that they wished to review</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Did they wish to review the duty statements?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I would have to take that on notice. But I know that they were all there for them</p>	Hansard	66-67

Department of Defence	2/06/2021	268	Jordon Steele-John	Afghanistan	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: In an article by Mark Willacy published by the ABC on 28 May, it's reported that two female soldiers from the ADF reconstruction task force based in Tarin Kot were charged and disciplined after being caught drinking at the Fat Lady's Arms. A special operations officer told the ABC investigation that SAS soldiers had earlier been driving around the reconstruction task force base, inviting female personnel to a party at the bar. While the two regular soldiers from the reconstruction task force were disciplined, no member of the SAS was disciplined over the incident. First, what disciplinary action did the two female personnel of the reconstruction task force face? Who can tell me that?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: We had a situation where members of the SAS drove around the reconstruction task force base basically saying to women at the base, particularly, 'Come and join the party.' People came along and did that. Women members of the ADF were disciplined. It seems, however, that male members of the SAS were not disciplined. Can you confirm whether that is in fact the case—that the SAS members involved were not disciplined at the time? Gen. Campbell: I can't now. I don't know. But we will take it on notice. Senator STEELE-JOHN: That would be, I would say, a really unacceptable double standard at a time when there is a broader conversation about the treatment of women within the ADF. So, if you could come back to us on notice with that, that would be good. We know that the two female members of the reconstruction task force were disciplined, so I want to know: what was the nature of that discipline? It has been reported that the male members of the SAS were not subject to discipline at the time, so I want to know if that is true and if they have subsequently been disciplined for that action. You can take that on notice. Gen. Campbell: Could I ask that we adjust it so that we reply in answer to: Were two women disciplined? If they were disciplined, what was the discipline? Were any members of the Special Operations Task Group disciplined? If they were, what was the discipline for this incident? Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes, that would be perfectly acceptable.</p>	Hansard	68-69
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	269	Jordon Steele-John	Afghanistan	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes. My understanding is that some NCOs and junior officers have themselves been terminated from being outed publicly for being in that location. My question goes to what work defence has done to identify CEOs or higher up the chain?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I ask that we take this in two parts. Firstly, could I take on notice the question: have any soldiers or junior officers been discharged from military service for drinking at the establishment we both agreed was known as the Fat Lady's Arms? Secondly</p>	Hansard	69
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	270	Rex Patrick	Air	<p>Senator PATRICK: On notice, perhaps you could just look at that contract to see how much Defence actually owns? Obviously, the expectation is that if Defence pays for something, and, for example, Boeing then on-sells that overseas, then we get some royalty for that. Air Vice-Marshal Hoffmann: I think the point the Chief was making was that the IP is in Australia—that's the key point. We certainly have access to it as needed, but we'll take it on notice to get the specifics there. Senator PATRICK: Sure. I'm interested in the ownership by Defence such that you could potentially sublicense it or have a royalty paid to you. It might be that they own the IP, but you have a royalty right for something. Air Vice-Marshal Hoffmann: Understood. Senator PATRICK: Thank you</p>	Hansard	75
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	271	Rex Patrick	Shipbuilding	<p>Senator PATRICK: How many FTE have you got working on that? Ms Lutz: I'd have to come back to you on that. I know personally I've got four in my project team, plus BAE's ICT team. I don't know how many FTE are on BAE's team.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: If you could divide it up into BAE versus others on notice. Ms Lutz: Okay</p>	Hansard	76
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	272	Rex Patrick	Shipbuilding	<p>Senator PATRICK: I understand in maybe certain wartime situations things may change; I appreciate that. What's the capacity of the greywater tanks on the Hunter class?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: I'll have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Is there any truth to things that I hear that perhaps you will have a reduced or limited greywater retention on the Hunter class?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: No, I don't believe so, but I will get back to you on that.</p>	Hansard	76
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	273	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	<p>Mr Groves: I can provide you with that, on notice, going down to the ones and twos. At the bottom, the company SME Gateway, in our census in March, only had 109 contractors. It would go right down to companies that may have one or two estimated FTE equivalents.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: When you're going to KPMG or Downer, for example, what's the percentage paid, to the firm or company, on top of the hourly rate for contractors or labour hire workers?</p> <p>Mr Groves: It would depend on the skill set that we were acquiring and on the experience of the individual.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What's the range?</p> <p>Mr Groves: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	84
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	274	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	<p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you. I've got 19.6 per cent of the permanent ADF workforce. What percentage of those currently sitting on boards or in other decision-making committees are women?</p> <p>Ms Greig: The Women in the ADF report covers that data. I just need to find it, if I've got it here. It's certainly covered in the Women in the ADF report.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I think I've got that, so I will have a look at that.</p>	Hansard	86-87

					Ms Greig: I have the proportion of women on Defence boards, but that's not quite the same question, because you're asking about decision-making bodies. ... Ms Greig: Could I ask that we take that on notice. I just haven't got the data here. Senator KITCHING: Yes, that's all fine.		
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	275	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel	Senator KITCHING: Again I'm happy for this to be on notice: what are the latest stats of reports to military police and to SemPRO for this financial year or since the last annual report? I'm happy for you to take that on notice. Major Gen. Fox: I can take that on notice.	Hansard	87
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	276	Kimberley Kitching	Ministerial Travel	Senator KITCHING:...In relation to the communication between the PMO and VIP ops about the use of the red carpet, when did its PMO raise the red carpet? If an FOI was made into the communications between VIP ops and the PMO, would you release the information? Air Marshal Hupfeld: I will have to dig out my brief. Just on the latter, I'd have to gather the exact timings of conversations. In fact, I may have said yesterday that it was a conversation between VIP ops and PMO. At some point I think the PMO then does talk direct to the base operations themselves as they finalise the arrangements. If you like, I'll take that on notice to clarify that, including the timings of it.	Hansard	87
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	277	David Fawcett	Ministerial Travel	Air Marshal Hupfeld: To answer your question on the costs, in May 2020 the executive officer at Williamtown requested Estate and Infrastructure Group to facilitate the replacement of the existing deteriorated red carpet, so that was to put two red runners edged all around. ... CHAIR: How long has it been with us? Air Marshal Hupfeld: I'd have to take that on notice.	Hansard	88
Department of Defence	2/06/2021	278	David Fawcett	Ministerial Travel	Senator FAWCETT: Could I ask a follow-up to that? Chief, would it be fair to say that every Defence airbase around the country has a red carpet for VIP use? Air Marshal Hupfeld: I would have to confirm that for you, Senator. I would assume that the major bases would have them, but whether every base has a red carpet, I'd have to take it on notice.	Hansard	88

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Australian Signals Directorate	1	Kimberley Kitching	Ransomware	<p>What's the cost to a ransomware organisation of targeting an Australian organisation?</p>	Hansard	88
Australian Signals Directorate	2	Malcolm Roberts	AEC	<p>Senator ROBERTS:...I refer to your answer to question on notice No. 52 from the previous estimates, where I asked about the extent of auditing of Australian Electoral Commission software and systems conducted by the Australian Signals Directorate. Your response was: No ACSC code review has been completed on AEC systems. The ACSC has conducted a vulnerability assessment and partnered with the AEC to conduct multiple uplift activities on the AEC network. Can I assume that was sequential? The Australian Signals Directorate did, first of all, a vulnerability assessment and then moved on to the uplift program—is that correct? Ms Noble: I think over the last couple of years that I've been back in ASD we've done a lot of work with the Australian Electoral Commission. I think from memory—but I can confirm on notice, if you like—that we stepped through a range of activities with them. ... We can take on notice the exact sequential steps, if you like. Senator ROBERTS: That would be great. If you could document your advice, what the AEC actually did with you and then the results of each of those steps, please. Ms Noble: Sure, we can take that on notice Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. ... Senator ROBERTS: ... So you're going to provide a time line which will show when the assessments were done? Ms Noble: Yes, we can do that. Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. If you could explain what you found in the assessment that necessitated the suite of programs to be put in place for the AEC. Ms Noble: We will consult with the AEC. Our assessment, if you like, that we do in partnership with any entity is on information that is owned by them, but I'm certainly happy to consult with Mr Rodgers on that. One of us may be able to respond to you on notice Senator ROBERTS: If you could respond to us, and then, if there is any item they don't want you to respond on, if you could identify that, please. Ms Noble: Sure, we can do that. Senator ROBERTS: If you could identify what things were identified as needing to be fixed, what the vulnerability issues were and then what things were fixed, please. Ms Noble: Okay, yes. Senator ROBERTS: And if you could tell us whether the deficiencies still exist. At the heart of this thread of questions, I'm trying to get to the bottom of a very simple and incredibly important question, as you just alluded to: is our electoral system software safe and fit for purpose? You're working with the AEC on their cyberintegrity, and I'm guessing you should know that answer. Is the AEC computer system during an election safe from cyberintrusion for the 16 million voters making choices every election? That's the basic question.</p>	Hansard	91 & 92
Australian Signals Directorate	3	Kimberley Kitching	Early warning cyber security system	<p>a) Why doesn't the Australian Cyber Security Centre offer Australian organisations an equivalent to the NCSC's Early Warning service?</p> <p>b) Why has it taken until June of this year for ACSC to develop a similar service for Commonwealth entities?</p> <p>c) Has the ACSC considered developing an equivalent of the NCSC's Early Warning service for entities outside of the Australian government?</p> <p>d) Has ACSC discussed implementing an equivalent of the Early Warning service in Australia with the NCSC?</p> <p>e) Has ACSC discussed licensing the Early Warning service for use in Australia with the NCSC?</p>	Written	

				<p>f) Has the ACSC estimated the potential costs of implementing an equivalent of the NCSC's Early Warning system either via licensing or via the development of an Australian equivalent? If so, what are those costs?</p> <p>g) Has the ACSC discussed the potential benefits of implementing an equivalent of the NCSC's Early Warning system with stakeholder groups like COSBOA or the government's Industry Advisory Committee? If so, what was the nature of those discussions?</p>		
Australian Signals Directorate	7	Kimberley Kitching	Responding to cyber incidents	The Executive Order signed by the Biden administration on 12 May 2021 proposes a standardised "playbook for responding to cyber vulnerabilities and incidents". Is there a standardised playbook for Commonwealth entities to respond and recover from cyber incidents?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	8	Kimberley Kitching	Responding to cyber incidents	Has the ACSC developed a standardised playbook for private sector entities to respond and recover from cyber incidents?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	9	Kimberley Kitching	Ransomware attacks	<p>Feedback from private sector entities who have been victims of ransomware attacks is that there is a desire for the ACSC to provide more explicit advice about how organisations should respond to and recover from ransomware attacks.</p> <p>a) Does the ACSC measure or track the experience of victims of cyber incidents who engage with the ACSC?</p> <p>b) Does the ACSC engage in post incident surveys or any other form of qualitative research to assess ransomware victim's satisfaction with the ACSC's response to these incidents?</p> <p>c) If yes, please provide details.</p> <p>d) If no, how does the ACSC measure its performance in performing this role without this data? How does it benchmark performance or identify areas for improvement?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	10	Kimberley Kitching	Elbit BMS	<p>In Senate Estimates on 2 June 2021, Major General Stuart advised that versions of the Elbit Battle Management System did not achieve full ICT accreditation and were instead granted provisional ICT accreditation. Provisional accreditation is a Defence Security Principles Framework construct, issued where there are further controls and/or risk mitigation activities to be undertaken.</p> <p>As the owners of the Information Security Manual, do you recommend that ICT infrastructure tasked with handling secret and confidential information be provisionally accredited?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	11	Kimberley Kitching	Provisional ICT accreditation	Is the ASD aware of any other non-corporate commonwealth entity that employs provisional ICT accreditation?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	12	Kimberley Kitching	Responding to cyber incidents	Is ASD concerned with the widespread use of provisional ICT accreditation to systematically circumvent the ICT controls and standards imposed by the ISM and PSPF?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	13	Kimberley Kitching	Elbit BMS	<p>In an article on 14 May 2021, the Australian reported that ASD provided advice to the Department of Defence on the decision to suspend Elbit System's BMS.</p> <p>a) Can you confirm this advice was provided to Defence?</p> <p>b) When did the ASD provide advice on the suspension of Elbit's BMS?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	14	Kimberley Kitching	Elbit BMS	<p>An ABC article on 6 May 2021 by Andrew Greene reported that in response to concerns with the Elbit BMS memory sticks and software were ordered to "be withdrawn from issue to users and consolidated and quarantined by Signals support staff." This was confirmed in estimates on 2 June 2021.</p> <p>What support did ASD provide to any branches of the Defence Force to suspend or remove Elbit's BMS?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	15	Kimberley Kitching	Elbit BMS	Under what circumstances would the ASD provide support to quarantine USB memory sticks and software?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	16	Kimberley Kitching	Elbit BMS	An ABC article on 29 April 2021 by Andrew Greene reported that "The United States military has for years taken special precautions while operating alongside Australian vehicles that are equipped with the Elbit BMS, because of security concerns about the Israeli technology." It has also been reported by the ABC that the British Army sought a briefing from Australia on Elbit	Written	

				<p>over security concerns following its selection to provide the British Army with the Morpheus battlefield management application (BMA). In the 2 June 2021 Senate Estimates hearing the Department of Defence stated that they were not aware of any discussions with overseas allies and partners.</p> <p>Has the ASD provided advice to Australia's overseas allies and partners on the suspension of the Elbit BMS?</p>		
Australian Signals Directorate	17	Kimberley Kitching	Root cause analysis of cyber security incidents	<p>The Executive Order signed by the Biden administration on 12 May 2021 commits to establishing the Cyber Safety Review Board, comprised of members of the United States intelligence community (the Board). The Board will be responsible for undertaking root cause analysis and investigating incidents in a similar way to US National Transportation Safety Board.</p> <p>a) Are there any processes or institutions responsible for undertaking root cause analysis of major cyber security incidents in Australia?</p> <p>b) Has the ASD provided any advice to government on establishing a process/institution responsible for undertaking root cause analysis of cyber incidents?</p> <p>c) Is government considering establishing a process/institution responsible for undertaking root cause analysis of cyber incidents?</p> <p>d) Is there any Australian equivalent to the US Cyber Safety Review Board responsible for undertaking root cause analysis of major cyber security incidents with the objective of avoiding future incidents?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	18	Kimberley Kitching	Cyber security posture report	<p>Why did it take 6 months to prepare the 2020 Cyber Security Posture Report?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	19	Kimberley Kitching	Accountability on cyber security	<p>The ANAO's 2018 Cyber Resilience report recommended "increasing transparency and accountability about entities' compliance" with the cyber-security components of the PSPF. The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) recommended in Report 467 that ASD and AGD report to Parliament annually on the Commonwealth's cyber security posture in its report. The government agreed to provide these reports in 2019. The first report for the 2019 year was not provided until March 2020. The report for the 2020 year was not released until 10 June 2021. The JCPAA's Report noted in recommending ASD and AGD report annually that "as a strategic priority, it is crucial that Commonwealth entities be accountable to the Australian Parliament' on cybersecurity".</p> <p>How can Commonwealth entities be held accountable by Parliament when Commonwealth Cyber Posture reports are not coming until well into the following year?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	20	Kimberley Kitching	Cyber security compliance	<p>The March 2021 Australian Audit Office Report Cyber Security Strategies of Non-Corporate Commonwealth Entities found that only "24 per cent of non-corporate Commonwealth entities were compliant with the mandatory Top Four mitigation strategies in ANAO performance audits since 2014."</p> <p>Is this low level of compliance with the mandatory Top Four mitigation strategies detrimental to Australia's cyber-security posture?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	21	Kimberley Kitching	Cyber accountability	<p>The ANAO report raised significant accountability issues. Does ASD agree that providing the Cyber Security Posture reports more than six months into the following year hinders Parliamentary scrutiny and accountability?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	22	Kimberley Kitching	Cyber security compliance	<p>How will mandating the Essential Eight for non-corporate Commonwealth entities improve cyber security, given that in 2018-19, only 28 entities reported full implementation of the mandatory Top Four requirements?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	24	Kimberley Kitching	Information sharing by contractors	<p>How many Australian government IT contracts do not include a requirement for the provider to notify their commonwealth contracting entity of any actual or suspected security incidents?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	27	Kimberley Kitching	Supply chain risks	<p>Contracts between individual commonwealth entities and IT contractors can only require these IT contractors to inform their contracting partners of any actual or suspected security incidents. Do individual commonwealth entities have sufficient internal capability to assess the supply chain risk posed to their organization by these actual or suspected security incidents?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	28	Kimberley Kitching	Supply chain risks	<p>Why are Commonwealth IT contractors not required to inform ASD or the policy agencies responsible for the PSPF more broadly of any actual or suspected IT security incidents that may pose a supply chain risk to the Commonwealth?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	29	Kimberley Kitching	Supply chain risks	<p>Is the Commonwealth considering further initiatives targeted at addressing the supply chain security risks of commonwealth IT contractors?</p>	Written	

Australian Signals Directorate	31	Kimberley Kitching	Essential Eight	When does ASD expect that the Essential Eight will become mandatory?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	32	Kimberley Kitching	Essential Eight	What steps are ASD taking to uplift compliance non-corporate Commonwealth entity compliance with the Essential Eight prior to mandating these strategies?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	33	Kimberley Kitching	Protection from cyber enabled foreign interference	What Commonwealth entity has primary responsibility for protecting Australians from cyber-enabled foreign interference?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	34	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	<p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	35	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	36	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p>	Written	

				g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.		
Australian Signals Directorate	37	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	38	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	39	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	a. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. b. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). c. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	40	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	41	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	42	Kristina Keneally	Secretariat travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus,	Written	

				receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.		
				e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.		
Australian Signals Directorate	43	Kristina Keneally	FOI	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>2. For each year above, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p>	Written	

				<p>9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>		
Australian Signals Directorate	44	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	45	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to 30 May 2021. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	46	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	47	Kristina Keneally	Market research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	48	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. 2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	

Australian Signals Directorate	49	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>	Written
Australian Signals Directorate	50	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials</p>	Written
Australian Signals Directorate	51	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written
Australian Signals Directorate	52	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p>	Written

				e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.		
Australian Signals Directorate	53	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	54	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	55	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned reports and reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	56	Kristina Keneally	Board appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	57	Kristina Keneally	Briefs prepared	1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.	Written	

				<p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The former member. The board or entity. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office. Whether the appointment was made. 		
Australian Signals Directorate	58	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	59	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which agency or agencies provided these services. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21. <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which agency or agencies provided these services. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21. 	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	60	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. How many are graphic designers. How many are media managers. How many organise events. <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, why. When was it established. What is the set up cost. What is the ongoing cost. How many staff work there and what are their classifications. 	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	61	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duration of secondment. APS level. <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	

Australian Signals Directorate	62	Kristina Keneally	CDDA payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	63	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	64	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	65	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, 31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	66	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	

Australian Signals Directorate	67	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	68	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	69	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	70	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosure	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	71	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies. 2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	72	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	73	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	74	Kristina Keneally	Cyber security posture report	The ANAO's 2018 Cyber Resilience report recommended "increasing transparency and accountability about entities' compliance" with the cyber-security components of the PSPF. The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) recommended in Report 467 that ASD and AGD report to Parliament annually on the Commonwealth's cyber security posture in its report. The government agreed to provide these reports in 2019. The first report for the 2019 year was not provided until March 2020. The report for the 2020 year was not released until 10 June of 2021. Why did it take 6 months to prepare the 2020 Cyber Security Posture Report?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	75	Kristina Keneally	Cyber security posture report	The JCPAA's Report noted in recommending ASD and AGD report annually that "as a strategic priority, it is crucial that Commonwealth entities be accountable to the Australian Parliament' on cybersecurity". How can Commonwealth entities be held accountable by Parliament when Commonwealth Cyber Posture reports are not being published until well into the following year?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	76	Kristina Keneally	Essential Eight	What proportion of Commonwealth entities that are currently fully compliant with the ASD Essential Eight?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	77	Kimberley Kitching	Ransomware	On 15 June 2021 Anthony Galloway reported in the Sydney Morning Herald that "new figures show there has been a 200 per cent increase in reports of ransomware attacks to Australia's premier cyber security agency in recent months [ACSC]." Where are these figures published?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	78	Kim Carr	Cyber security posture report	The ANAO's 2018 Cyber Resilience report recommended "increasing transparency and accountability about entities' compliance" with the cyber-security components of the PSPF. The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) recommended in Report 467 that ASD and AGD report to Parliament annually on the Commonwealth's cyber security posture in its report. The government agreed to provide these reports in 2019. The first report for the 2019 year was not provided until March 2020. The report for the 2020 year was not released until 10 June of 2021. Why did it take 6 months to prepare the 2020 Cyber Security Posture Report?	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	79	Kim Carr	Cyber security posture report	The JCPAA's Report noted in recommending ASD and AGD report annually that "as a strategic priority, it is crucial that Commonwealth entities be accountable to the Australian Parliament' on cybersecurity".	Written	

				How can Commonwealth entities be held accountable by Parliament when Commonwealth Cyber Posture reports are not being published until well into the following year?		
Australian Signals Directorate	80	Kim Carr	Cyber security posture report	<p>The March 2021 Australian Audit Office Report Cyber Security Strategies of Non-Corporate Commonwealth Entities found that only “24 per cent of non-corporate Commonwealth entities were compliant with the mandatory Top Four mitigation strategies in ANAO performance audits since 2014.”</p> <p>Is this low level of compliance with the mandatory Top Four mitigation strategies detrimental to Australia’s cyber-security posture?</p>	Written	
Australian Signals Directorate	81	Kim Carr	Cyber security posture report	<p>The ANAO has identified failures of accountability of cyber security within Commonwealth entities as a key obstacle to improving cyber resilience within the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Does AGD accept that publishing the Commonwealth Cyber Security Posture reports more than six months into the following year hinders Parliamentary scrutiny and accountability?</p>	Written	

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Agency	Q No	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
Defence Housing Australia	1	Kimberley Kitching	Governance and performance	<p>Can Defence Housing Australia (DHA) please provide advice on issues in relation to governance and board performance coming out of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) inquiry hearing of 14 April 2021 that dealt with the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) performance audit of DHA management completed in April 2020.</p> <p>a) Has DHA settled a new Defence Services Agreement (DSA) with Defence? Can DHA provide an update on this.</p> <p>b) What is DHA's assessment of the current supply and quality of defence housing around the country?</p> <p>c) Has DHA participated in Defence's "offer modernisation" project which is assessing the retention role of defence housing? Is DHA able to provide an update on this project? Does DHA have any further feedback on the role of housing in terms of retention and morale for defence personnel?</p> <p>d) Does DHA have any further quarterly or annual survey results on member satisfaction with accommodation quality, cleanliness, readiness and general service?</p> <p>e) Can DHA advise of the results of the biannual review of its board with Directors Australia, which included an updated skills matrix or assessment of skills that the board should have? Has the board provided a copy of this review to shareholder ministers? Can DHA provide the committee with a copy of the review and skills matrix?</p> <p>f) Can DHA provide an update on its latest annual board plan and self-assessment? What were the results of this? Can DHA provide the committee with a copy of this?</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	2	Kimberley Kitching	Mount Lofty project	<p>Can DHA please provide an update on the status of the Mount Lofty project and DHA's negotiations with Toowoomba Regional Council.</p> <p>a) Can DHA provide an update in its negotiations with Toowoomba Regional Council?</p> <p>b) Has DHA made a final decision on what to do with the site?</p> <p>c) Has there been any further community consultation on the project?</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	3	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	<p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	4	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	5	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	

Defence Housing Australia	6	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
Defence Housing Australia	7	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written
Defence Housing Australia	8	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.	Written
Defence Housing Australia	9	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written
Defence Housing Australia	10	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written
Defence Housing Australia	11	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	Written
Defence Housing Australia	12	Kristina Keneally	Freedom of Information	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date. 2. For each year above, please provide: a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3. For each year above, please also provide: a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4. For each year above, please also provide: a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAI; and	Written

				<p>b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department’s decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister’s office.</p> <p>9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>		
Defence Housing Australia	13	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>Has the Department/agency or the Minister’s office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	14	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to 30 May 2021. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	15	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	16	Kristina Keneally	Market research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. d. Contract date period</p> <p>3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	17	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency’s total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. 2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <p>a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	

Defence Housing Australia	18	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>	Written
Defence Housing Australia	19	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written
Defence Housing Australia	20	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written
Defence Housing Australia	21	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written
Defence Housing Australia	22	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>	Written
Defence Housing Australia	23	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written
Defence Housing Australia	25	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p>	Written

				<p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>		
Defence Housing Australia	26	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	27	Kristina Keneally	Appointments – briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister’s office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	28	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	29	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister’s office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	30	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	31	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister’s office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	

Defence Housing Australia	32	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	33	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	34	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	35	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, 31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	36	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	37	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	38	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	39	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	40	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	41	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written	
Defence Housing Australia	42	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021</p>	Written	

Defence Housing Australia	43	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021	Written	
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Agency	Q No	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
Australian War Memorial	1	Kimberley Kitching	Redevelopment project – National Capital Authority	Can the Australian War Memorial (AWM) please provide advice on the National Capital Authority (NCA) approval processes for the redevelopment project. a) Is the NCA process for the Major Works designs the final approval process for the project? b) When will the Major Works designs be released? c) Can the Memorial provide advice on community consultation process for the Major Works designs?	Written	
Australian War Memorial	2	Kimberley Kitching	Redevelopment project – engagement with veterans	Can the Memorial provide some advice on its engagement with veterans and the defence community? a) Can the Memorial explain what opportunities there will be for veterans to work on the development project? b) The Memorial has said that future construction work tenders will include scored criteria for employment and other opportunities for veterans and defence family members and their businesses. Can the AWM explain how this will work? c) Can the Memorial advise what contracts have been awarded already?	Written	
Australian War Memorial	3	Kimberley Kitching	Re-development project - Community consultations	A recent media report referred to the latest round of community consultations on the Memorial's new galleries through a series of online and public forums, advisory and focus groups, and surveys. a) Can the Memorial provide any information about these community consultations? What is the objective of these activities? b) What feedback has been received so far from these consultations?	Written	
Australian War Memorial	4	Kimberley Kitching	Information relating to AWM's Roll of Honours and Awards	The Opposition has been contacted by Mr Ian Reid about the Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honours and Awards. Mr Reid has provided materials including correspondence from Mr Peter Hayes to Defence in relation to this issue. They state that while there are over 46,000 records on the Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honours and Awards, only 53 (as of March 2020) are from conflicts post-1975. A link provided (https://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search/people?roll=Honours%20and%20Awards&people_roll_type=award&ppp=100) corroborates this general finding. An email from Ms Cole in Defence Person Group to Mr Reid states: "I note your concern that Defence records have not been transferred to the Memorial. The Archives Act 1983 imposes statutory obligations on Commonwealth Departments and agencies for the management of official records, and Defence is committed to information and record keeping practices that comply with legislation and government policy. The Archives Act 1983 does not place obligations on Defence to make records available to Australian War Memorial: rather, access to Commonwealth records, including Defence records, under the Act is administered by the National Archives of Australia. Defence understands the Memorial will add names of award recipients to its database on request. The Memorial can also utilise official records available from the sources described above, as a basis to expand its honours and awards database." a) Can the AWM confirm all relevant records – that is, Defence records that can be added to the AWM's Roll of Honours and Awards – are available to and administered by the National Archives of Australia should the AWM request access? b) Why does the AWM only add recent award and honour recipients to its roll upon request? What impediments are there to ensuring all/most modern recipients of honours and awards are on the AWM roll? c) Mr Reid has provided information provided to him by the National Archives in 2019 stating: "The records you are seeking are covered by the Defence Military Personnel Records Authority, developed in 2002 (see attached). The specific entries for Honours and Awards are covered under 3920 - 3923, found on page 28-29 of the attached. While these records are retain as National Archives, they are to be retained in the custody of the Australian War Memorial (AWM), under the provisions of the Act.". Can AWM confirm whether the relevant Defence records are in the custody of the War Memorial or the National Archives? d) Mr Reid states he received the following response from former Memorial Director Mr Brendan Nelson about the matter in late 2018: "The answer is quite straight forward, the Memorial does not hold the records or citations and therefore cannot digitise them for the roll. The roll contains only those citations and recommendations for which the records have been passed to the Memorial by the Department of Defence to become part of the National Collection." Can you confirm that Defence has not handed over the majority of post-1975 citations and recommendations to the Memorial? e) Can AWM please clarify how the advice that there is no obligation on Defence to make the records available to the AWM, and the December 2019 advice from the NAA that the records are to be retained in the custody of the AWM can both be correct? f) Mr Reid states that he was advised by Mr Nelson "The Memorial will add the original records to the online Roll of Honours and Awards once they have been released by Defence". Are there remaining records that have not been released to AWM for this purpose? If so, which and how many records?	Written	

				g) Can AWM undertake to work with Defence and NAA to audit how many records have not been transferred and added to the Awards and Honours Roll? If not, why not?		
Australian War Memorial	5	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	6	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	7	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>1. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>i. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>j. List of all attendees.</p> <p>k. Function venue.</p> <p>l. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>m. Details of any food served.</p> <p>n. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>o. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>p. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	8	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	9	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	10	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	

				3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.		
Australian War Memorial	11	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian War Memorial	12	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian War Memorial	13	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	Written	
Australian War Memorial	14	Kristina Keneally	Freedom of Information (FOI)	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date. 2. For each year above, please provide: a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3. For each year above, please also provide: a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4. For each year above, please also provide: a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the Oaic; and b. The number of times has the Oaic overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. 5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date. 6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.	Written	

				<p>7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>		
Australian War Memorial	15	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	16	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to 30 May 2021. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	17	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	18	Kristina Keneally	Market research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	19	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</p> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	20	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	

				<p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>		
Australian War Memorial	21	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	22	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	23	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	24	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	25	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	26	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p>	Written	

				<p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>		
Australian War Memorial	27	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	28	Kristina Keneally	Appointments – briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister’s office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	29	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Stationery	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	30	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	31	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written	

Australian War Memorial	32	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	33	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	34	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	35	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	36	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, 31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	37	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	38	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	39	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Australian War Memorial	40	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	

Australian War Memorial	41	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
Australian War Memorial	42	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies. 2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.	Written	
Australian War Memorial	43	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021?	Written	
Australian War Memorial	44	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021?	Written	

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Department	Q No	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
Department of Veterans' Affairs	1	Jacqui LAMBIE	Austin Repatriation Hospital	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Ms Cosson, I want to run something past you. This came to me today, so I thought I'd quickly go over it and see if you can tell me anything about it. Apparently, the Austin repatriation hospital has chosen to scrap the older veterans psychiatric program. Do you know about that?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: No, I'm sorry. Did you say the Austin?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: That's okay. I'd like you to check for me.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Yes, certainly.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: The program is, apparently, 15 years old. There are a lot of older veterans who served in World War II, Korea, Malaysia, Malaya and Vietnam. They didn't get much of that during COVID, and they're saying they've been paying Austin enough but now they're going to stop the program on 1 July this year. They've tried to organise their own groups, but they're not getting the same sessions. They don't have the psychologist in with them.</p> <p>Would somebody please look into that? I'll send that to your office. With these veterans getting a bit older, it would be good to keep that going. It seems to be pretty important to that lot. I don't know if it's happened under these awards, if you've been running that program around them, but if someone could have a look at it that would be wonderful.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Yes, we'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	101
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2	Jacqui LAMBIE	Suspected Suicides - Reviews	<p>Senator LAMBIE: You've been reviewing suicides?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: How many suicides has the department reviewed?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We wait until the coroner has verified that it's a death by suicide. If it's suspected misadventure or death by suicide, that's what we look into.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: You look into it how? Do you go through their files in the department? Do you interview people? How does this work?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We firstly establish if they were known to us, if they were a veteran client of the department. That's the first thing. Often we actually don't know the veteran—they have not actually connected with the department or been in receipt of any benefits from the department.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: How many of these in the past year have you looked at?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I don't have that figure available with me at the moment, but we can take that on notice—noting that they are suspected. They haven't been verified as deaths by suicide. They're reported as suspected.</p>	Hansard	102
Department of Veterans' Affairs	3	Jacqui LAMBIE	Suspected Suicides - Reviews	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Can you please take on notice whether there are themes that come out of the reviews? When you started putting those themes together what was done about those themes?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I can talk about that now. From all the inquiries and reviews we've had, including 'the constant battle', the national health commissioner's review, the review into Jesse Bird—</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: No, no, no. We know about these reviews—</p> <p>Ms Cosson: But we know the themes—</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: I'm talking about the review a your department is apparently doing on these suicides, because apparently they're doing it on attempted suicides and suicide. Who is doing the review? This blew me away. This is a whole new area for me. I'm very happy to explore it.</p>	Hansard	103-104
Department of Veterans' Affairs	4	Jacqui LAMBIE	Royal Commission Taskforce - Staffing	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I'm assuming that the people you take out of DVA you're replacing immediately and filling those positions?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I'll have to have a look at that—take that on notice—just to see how we're going.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: You are getting money to specifically employ those people, so I'm assuming those positions will be there and you'll need to fill them?</p>	Hansard	104

				<p>Ms Cosson: We did receive additional resources so we could staff the royal commission task force. But I'll have a look at those staff that have moved from business areas to see how we're backfilling those.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: That would be great.</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	5	Jacqui LAMBIE	National Commissioner - nominations	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I was just wondering, Assistant Attorney, since we have you there—and this is sort of a question for Defence and Veterans—whether you could take on notice whether the current or former defence ministers or the veterans minister have made a recommendation for the royal commissioner to the Attorney-General at all, or elsewhere, or if anyone serving in the military has done the same.</p> <p>Senator Stoker: I can tell you that Minister Chester has not made suggestions as to the royal commissioner. That's the extent of my knowledge at this point.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: And will you be able to check on the other two?</p> <p>Senator Stoker: I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	106
Department of Veterans' Affairs	6	Jacqui LAMBIE	Veteran Family Advocate	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I'm terribly concerned because people are still struggling to get in to see her at all. I've tried to help one person to find a time to meet with her, but it just isn't happening. Does she have the time and resources she needs to be able to do this job properly?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: She has access to the whole department if she needs it. Certainly, Ms Cherne has been very active in engaging and she's given me a list of the events that she has actually attended and the veterans she has communicated with. But what we are establishing is a separate web presence for her so that, if people do want to engage with her, they can do that, rather than going through the department.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Ms Cosson, do you think you could table that list that you just mentioned of who she's met with since she's been in, what she's done, the events she's been to?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: That would be great. Because I am having a lot of people having difficulty in getting in to see her. I do hear, coming from inside, that she's extremely under strain. I've even gone as far to speak to the defence assistant minister to get her some help. She's under strain here, Secretary, and she needs extra hands on deck now.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I will take that—</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Not mucking around. She doesn't have a whole department. It doesn't work like that. She needs people that are close to her. She's not getting around fast enough, and it's putting a lot of pressure on her. Could you please look into it?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I'll take that on notice and have a talk with the Veteran Family Advocate on what she requires.</p>	Hansard	107
Department of Veterans' Affairs	7	Timothy AYRES	Time Taken To Process Claims	<p>Senator AYRES: I wondered whether we might start with the subject of waiting times for processing claims, unless there's anything you want to say to me at this stage in brief about that. I wondered whether you might be able to provide, on notice, an update by work area on essentially what's happened since last time we spoke on those issues in terms of waiting times. Would you be able to give us a short outline in the broad about where the department's up to?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Certainly since we last met, as you know, Senator, there was a budget announcement where we received some additional resourcing, particularly for the department. That included some additional APS staff—around 447 additional staff.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes. We'll come to the staff in a moment.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Since then, we started a process of looking at our labour hire to see if they were interested in becoming Australian public servants—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Sorry. We'll come to the staffing issues in a minute. Just on waiting times, I want you to take it on notice, maybe with a table setting out what's happened since we last spoke. But, in the broad, did you want to put to me anything about what's happened at a high level?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: At a high level, we're still seeing an increase in demand, and it is outstripping our capacity to respond to the demand. But what we are seeing are improvements in productivity with our staff who are progressing the claims. Ms Cole could certainly talk about any of that if you wanted to go into detail. We've got extensive tables that we can provide to you on notice on what we've been doing with the claim times.</p>	Hansard	107
Department of Veterans' Affairs	8	Timothy AYRES	ASL Staffing - across divisions	<p>Senator AYRES: Let's come to that. I understand that, for the overall additional funding of \$98.5 million in outcome 1—income support, compensation and entitlements claims—there's an increase of 403 staff, from 953 to 1,356. Can you confirm that that's</p>	Hansard	108-109, 110, 112

				<p>right?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I've got different numbers.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Why don't you tell me what yours are.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I'm happy for my colleagues to jump in, because their numbers keep moving on me. At this stage, if I can use the ASL cap that we had applied, which was 1,615—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: For the 2021-22 financial year, there is an additional 447 ASL cap, which will take us to 2,062 for the department. Particularly in the claims area, which is Ms Cole's division, Ms Cole has added approximately 270 ASL APS staff to her current staffing levels. She will still need contracted staff. That will be about 210, which will take her division to around about 900. I'm just rounding up those numbers. Noting that, as Ms Cole's staff make determinations on claims, a lot of that can flow into our other client-facing areas, so we're also providing 116 additional APS staff to our Client Engagement and Support Services Division. They're in the areas of our complex case managers and our rehabilitation managers. That's why we've made sure that they've got some staffing increases. So the total of \$98.5 million is, essentially, 390 APS staff.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I think the different numbers that I was putting to you are numbers that are based upon the budget papers and their allocation across the different outcomes. The numbers that you've just referenced are by organisational area. I suppose that's the best way of putting it.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: They should end up equalling the same number, ideally. Would you be able to, on notice, provide the committee with an outline of the old ASL cap by functional area, the new cap, the number of contractors employed last time we spoke and the number of contractors that are anticipated to be employed with the new cap?</p> <p>Senator AYRES: You'll provide me an outline of how the additional ASL has been allocated and what that means by functional area in terms of the number of APS staff and labour hire. If you could do that by classification level, that would also assist.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: We might move on from that question. Can you tell me what the number of labour hire staff was in the October estimates and what the number of labour hire staff is now? You've told me how many more APS staff there will be. I suppose the converse is how many less labour hire staff will there be?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Yes. If I look at 31 March, we had total headcount of 2,899 and APS of 1,679 and non-APS of 1,220.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So what's the fall there?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We're going to have an ASL, in APS, of 2,062 in 2021-22, rather than 1,615, which was our ASL cap. We're going to have a split across the different business areas, which I'll be able to give you on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: In Ms Cole's division, she's bringing on labour hire of about 200. That's going to be a reduction from 470, so half that. But we will have labour hire in some of the other areas of our business. Sorry, I can't put my hand on the numbers for labour hire across the different business areas, so I can take that on notice or try to provide it to you before the end.</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	9	Timothy AYRES	Labour Hire	<p>Senator AYRES: If you could, by area. What's the impact on costs for the agency of not having to pay the labour hire premium?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We did calculate, roughly, between 12 to 15 per cent. I think we took that on notice, so I can get a copy of the QON we provided. We had done some broad calculation assessment on what the additional cost would be if it was labour hire, because they're different variables that we took into account.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: The variables are which contractual arrangement, how often the staff are employed and how long they've been employed for. But with an average of around 12 to 15 per cent, what does that mean in reduced cost to the department from lower uptake of labour hire? How much are you actually saving?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Mr Harrigan might be able to answer that. I don't have that figure. We can take it on notice if he doesn't have that.</p>	Hansard	112
Department of Veterans' Affairs	10	Timothy AYRES	Labour Hire premiums	<p>Senator AYRES: The question is: how much money is being tipped out the door to labour hire companies in terms of the premiums that the department is paying? There are four labour hire companies. It shouldn't be a very difficult exercise to figure out what that cost is. The secretary has said that she doesn't entirely agree with the line of argument that I've put about this issue, over a series of estimates, and that the department has a view about a blended workforce. I accept that. But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't have regard to the cost—the cost of premiums, tickets being clipped by big labour hire companies. I want to know how much money is going out the door to those agencies.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We can certainly take that on notice. We do have a very good understanding of the cost of our ASL workforce and our</p>	Hansard	113

				contracted labour hire. I'm happy to take that on notice to give you the breakdown. Senator AYRES: Thank you.		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	11	Timothy AYRES	Budget Statements	<p>Senator AYRES: Sorry, with that question, I did slightly lose confidence in the figures that I had in front of me, but I am right, I think. Page 19 of the DVA budget statements, at the 'Total departmental resourcing' line, does say \$519.9 million in 2021.</p> <p>Mr Casson: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And then for 2021-22 it's \$508.7 million.</p> <p>Mr Casson: That's correct. You can see from the table above that the difference in appropriation does increase with the additional funding that we received. What's driving it down, at the total resourcing level, is our special accounts. I believe that relates to our Defence Service Homes Insurance Scheme.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Can you explain why that falls?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I'll probably need to take it on notice to get a bit more detail for you on that, but I believe it's to do with the expenses that are passed through the special account for that scheme.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: For Defence housing insurance?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: That's correct, I believe.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: It just surprises me. Yes, if you could, please explain on notice why that number is falling. The amount of Defence housing isn't increasing, and insurance premiums rarely go down. I don't understand how the scheme operates, so there may be some feature of the scheme that you can explain to me that makes it clear. And if there's any other downward pressure on the allocations here, it would be helpful to understand what they are as well.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Absolutely.</p>	Hansard	113-114
Department of Veterans' Affairs	12	Timothy AYRES	Royal Commission consultation process	<p>Senator AYRES: There was a one-month consultation period. What was the rationale for such a short consultation period? I understand that, ultimately, the department opted to have Attorney-General's receive some of the feedback, as there was some hostility to the department being in charge of the process. Firstly, what was the rationale for such a short period? Secondly, was it a mistake, in retrospect, to put the department in the position of leading the process of consulting with people?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: There are a couple of things there. The timing set for the consultation was actually set by Attorney-General's, to receive the feedback on the themes for the terms of reference, to ensure that we had it moving forward. I think the Prime Minister, in his announcement, said he would like it to commence in July. So Attorney-General's set the one-month period for consultation.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Sorry, Ms Cosson, to interrupt. When you say Attorney-General's set that period, was that a decision that Attorney-General's made administratively or was it a decision of government, to set the one month? Was it a cabinet-level decision or an administrative decision?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I think it was an administrative decision, but I will take that on notice just to be sure.</p>	Hansard	114
Department of Veterans' Affairs	13	Timothy AYRES	Productivity Commission - Status of Recommendations	<p>Senator AYRES: If we accept the numbers you've given me, I think that gets you to about 36 out of 69 recommendations dealt with in some way. People might quibble with how far the government's response deals with each of the recommendations.</p> <p>Senator Stoker: I'd suggest that the \$368 million investment demonstrates that it's no small commitment.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: That leaves 33 unaddressed. If I listen to the secretary's evidence, it can be grouped into the 'legislation that we're waiting on' bucket.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Quite a significant number.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Some—I think you referred to them as structural issues—are being deferred while the royal commission deals with those. I've listened to what the minister says, but it doesn't sit very well with what the Prime Minister said when he made the announcement.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I don't have the exact number—Ms Pope might—but there are a number of recommendations that do go to the actual legislation.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Given the hour, and I know there are other senators wanting to ask questions, would you be able to, on notice, give me a list of the recommendations—which ones have been implemented or partly implemented or there's been a government response to—which fall into the legislation bucket and which are being deferred because of the royal commission?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We can do that.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	122

Department of Veterans' Affairs	14	Jacqui LAMBIE	Veteran Wellbeing Centres	<p>Senator LAMBIE: So you put them [Veteran Wellbeing Centres] wherever you wanted but you didn't have any data? Is that what you're telling me?</p> <p>Senator Stoker: No. We put them where the best available data was, acknowledging that that data has limitations in circumstances where the information isn't being collected in the census.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Are those electorates all Liberal electorates?</p> <p>Senator Stoker: I'd have to take that on notice. I don't know.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Can you see if they're marginal seats while you're at it? While we're on that, I want to talk about the one which should be in Tasmania. We have a great deal of veterans down here—more per capita. I certainly have this information; I don't know why you guys don't. We've got a great RSL sitting in Launceston. We're all happy to have this hub here. It's three stories. They own it. Quite frankly, I don't know why we're sitting in here. Because it's Gavin Pearce's electorate, you've got some little wellbeing shop or centre going on in Burnie. Maybe you want to tell me about that.</p> <p>Senator Stoker: Senator Lambie, that's nothing short of scurrilous.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Lambie, I can indicate to you that, at the last election, the government committed to develop a network of six veterans wellbeing centres: in Townsville—I think that's Liberal-held; Adelaide, not Liberal-held; Perth, not Liberal-held; Darwin, not Liberal-held; Wodonga, I think maybe Liberal-held; and Nowra, maybe. So it's 3-3 on that basis. Actually Nowra is in Gilmore, so that makes it 4-2 in Labor's favour. So I'm not sure that your narrative necessarily holds. In relation to Tasmania, I think you know the local detail there and the hard work that the local federal member, Gavin Pearce, who has a 20-year career in the defence forces—</p>	Hansard	123
Department of Veterans' Affairs	15	Jacqui LAMBIE	Advocates	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Thank you, Chair. I want to go to the advocates. Are you getting them moving any faster from being a level 1? We got around that issue, because we're waiting for claims and we can't process them any further through their levels unless their claims get ticked off et cetera. We've got a real problem out there with advocates. I'm not sure if you've been told that, but we're low on them, like no tomorrow, especially levels 3 and 4 and pensions.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Ms Pope might have further detail. But at the moment we do have 701 that are on the list that are available to deliver advocacy services who are accredited through the ADDP (sic). But you're correct: last year, during COVID, we had limited courses available as a result of having to do them online, but already this year we've got a number of programs that are scheduled. It is demand driven, so we do anticipate that there'll be further programs scheduled throughout 2021. This is to pick up the number of advocates that are available to support our veterans.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: On notice, could you tell me if all of them are live, if they're actually working, how many hours they're working and what levels they are, please.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Certainly. We'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.</p>	Hansard	125
Department of Veterans' Affairs	16	Jacqui LAMBIE	Funding for physiotherapy	<p>The Budget allocates an additional \$61.9 million over 4 years to increase the fees payable by DVA to occupational therapists and podiatrists. There is no additional funding for physiotherapists.</p> <p>1. The information sheet relating to the increased fees for occupational therapists and podiatrists suggests the changes are necessary to bring DVA's fee schedules in line with market fees for these services. Is that a policy aim of this budget announcement?</p> <p>2. Did DVA consider whether the fees payable by DVA to physiotherapists are in line with market rates?</p> <p>If so:</p> <p>a. Are DVA fees for physiotherapy in line with market rates?</p> <p>b. Did DVA consult with the Australian Physiotherapy Association, or other relevant industry bodies / experts, in order to reach this conclusion? (Please provide details).</p> <p>If not:</p> <p>c. Why wasn't this considered?</p> <p>3. The Budget papers note that the \$61.9 million is a response to 'concerns about fees from those two professions'. Were these</p>	Written	

				<p>concerns raised with the Department? If so, by whom?</p> <p>4. Have physiotherapists similarly raised concerns about inadequate fees with the Department? If so, why weren't these acted upon in a similar manner?</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	17	Jacqui LAMBIE	Employment Service Providers	<p>1. My office has heard complaints that third-party employment service providers are hassling veterans and pressuring them to take part in their services. The service providers won't stop calling the veterans, even when they're asked to do so. Has DVA received complaints along these lines?</p> <p>a. If so:</p> <p>i. How many complaints have been received about employment service providers?</p> <p>ii. Has DVA discontinued any contracts with employment service providers in response to negative feedback from veterans? Has anything else been done in response to complaints?</p> <p>2. How are employment service providers paid by DVA when they provide services to veterans? Please provide detail about the payment structures.</p> <p>3. How do employment service providers gain access to veterans' contact details? Do veterans have to consent for their information to be shared?</p> <p>4. What should veterans do if they feel they're being hassled by an employment service provider?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	18	Jacqui LAMBIE	Pharmacists (VAPAC)	<p>1. Did the workforce changes go through at the Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Advisory Centre?</p> <p>2. How many of the twenty pharmacists who worked at the hotline in Brisbane prior to the changes are now no longer working at the hotline?</p> <p>3. How many full-time equivalent pharmacists have you got working at the hotline now?</p> <p>4. Did the number of full-time equivalent staff working at the hotline fall as a result of the workforce changes?</p> <p>5. Have call wait times been affected by the changes?</p> <p>6. How much money did the Department save from the changes?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	19	Jacqui LAMBIE	Private Investigators	<p>1. Does DVA use private investigators?</p> <p>a. If so:</p> <p>i. How many private investigators work for DVA?</p> <p>ii. How many veterans are being investigated by private investigators hired by DVA?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	20	Kimberley KITCHING	Claims processing	<p>Can the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) provide advice on claims processing times?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifically, in relation to claims processing performance data, as at 31 December 2020 and 30 April 2021, can DVA please provide by claim type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Number of claims on hand o Number of unallocated claims on hand o Average time taken for a claim to be allocated o Median time take for a claim to be allocated o Average processing time for claims o Median processing time for claims o Number of claims on hand not processed within 100 days • Can DVA advise if it is still taking up to 300 days to process some claims for initial liability and more than one year for some claims to be processed? 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What measures is DVA taking to address these waiting times and backlogs? • How long is it taking to allocate a file to a delegate? • What are the current error rates, including high impact error rates? How have these changed or increased over time? How are they tracking against DVA's targets? 		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	21	Kimberley KITCHING	Compensation claims	<p>Can DVA please provide the latest available information, where possible, on compensation claims as per the following tables?</p> <p>As at 1 Jan 2020 Number of Claims on hand that are currently being considered (and allocated to a delegate for processing) Case Age VEA MRCA Initial Liability MRCA Permanent Impairment DRCA Initial Liability DRCA Permanent Impairment <28 days 1-3 months 3-6 months 6-12 months >12 months</p> <p>As at 1 Jan 2021 Number of Claims on hand that are currently being considered (and allocated to a delegate for processing) Case Age VEA MRCA Initial Liability MRCA Permanent Impairment DRCA Initial Liability DRCA Permanent Impairment <28 days 1-3 months 3-6 months 6-12 months >12 months</p> <p>As at 1 Jan 2020 Number of Claims on hand that have not yet been considered (and have not yet been allocated to a delegate) Case Age VEA MRCA Initial Liability MRCA Permanent Impairment DRCA Initial Liability DRCA Permanent Impairment <28 days 1-3 months 3-6 months 6-12 months >12 months</p> <p>As at 1 Jan 2021 Number of Claims on hand that have not yet been considered (and have not yet been allocated to a delegate) Case Age VEA MRCA Initial Liability MRCA Permanent Impairment DRCA Initial Liability DRCA Permanent Impairment <28 days 1-3 months 3-6 months 6-12 months >12 months</p> <p>As at 1 Jun 2020 Number of Claims on hand that are currently being considered (and allocated to a delegate for processing) Case Age VEA MRCA Initial Liability MRCA Permanent Impairment DRCA Initial Liability DRCA Permanent Impairment <28 days 1-3 months 3-6 months 6-12 months</p>	Written	

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Department of Veterans' Affairs	22	Kimberley KITCHING	Funding and staff increases	<p>In the May budget, DVA received an additional funding of \$98.5 million over two years and more than 440 additional staff to address long delays with claims processing. Outcome 1 has an increase of 403 staff from 953 to 1,356.</p> <p>a) Can DVA confirm this? b) How has this additional ASL been allocated? c) Can DVA provide that information by classification level and number? d) How many of these additional staff will be/have been redeployed directly into claims processing?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	23	Kimberley KITCHING	ASL increase – Outcome 2	<p>Outcome 2 has an increase of 41 ASL from 549 to 590.</p> <p>a) How has this additional ASL been allocated? b) Can DVA provide that information by classification level and number?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	24	Kimberley KITCHING	ASL increase – Outcome 3	<p>Outcome 3 has increase of 3 ASL from 113 to 116.</p> <p>a) How has this additional ASL been allocated? b) Can DVA provide that information by classification level and number?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	25	Kimberley KITCHING	Open Arms Staffing	<p>Can DVA provide advice on Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling service staffing.</p> <p>a) How many APS staff work in Open Arms? b) What is their classification level? c) Are they ongoing or fixed term or casual positions? d) How many non-APS staff work in Open Arms? e) What type of work are they doing? Is this ongoing work? f) Why are these positions not filled by ongoing APS staff?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	26	Kimberley KITCHING	Labour hire	<p>a) What is DVA's expected level of labour hire staffing across the agency? b) If the work is ongoing, why was DVA's ASL not increased by more?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	27	Kimberley KITCHING	Contractors	<p>a) Can the Department confirm that the department engages delegates as contractors rather than APS employees? Are any of</p>	Written	

				<p>them engaged through a labour hire firm?</p> <p>b) Does DVA pay a premium to labour hire firms for these workers? Anecdotally, we have heard reports of DVA paying up to \$300 an hour for delegates who are contractors. Can this be true? If it is, this is outrageous and fiscally irresponsible.</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	28	Kimberley KITCHING	Consultants	Can DVA how many consultants are engaged by DVA and what tasks or functions they are involved in?	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	29	Kimberley KITCHING	EY contract	<p>Recently on AusTender, DVA advertised a \$1.1 million, 45-day contract with consultants EY for the "Development of measurement of wellbeing of veterans and their families".</p> <p>a) What was the reason or operational need for this?</p> <p>b) Does DVA not have these skills in-house?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	30	Kimberley KITCHING	Operations Officer contract	<p>Recently on AusTender, DVA advertised a three-year contract for \$523,000 or \$174,333 per annum for an Operations Officer.</p> <p>a) Was the position externally advertised as an APS role? If not, why not?</p> <p>b) What is the equivalent APS classification level for this position?</p> <p>c) What are the weekly hours to be worked by the officer?</p> <p>d) Can a cost breakdown be provided of the \$523,000 (i.e. remuneration package, recruitment fee, GST, payroll taxes etc.)?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	31	Kimberley KITCHING	Joint Transition Authority	a) Does DVA have visibility of a Defence contract for the Joint Transition Authority (JTA)?	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	32	Kimberley KITCHING	Royal Commission	<p>Can DVA please provide advice on the Royal Commission into defence and veteran suicide where possible.</p> <p>a) Can DVA advise what the process will be for veterans, families and other stakeholders to participate in the Royal Commission, for example, by making submissions or appearing as witnesses at public or private hearings?</p> <p>b) Some veterans and families have asked MPs if they will be able to seek an apology from the Government or from agencies like Defence and DVA. Can DVA advise on this?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	33	Kimberley KITCHING	Royal Commission funding	<p>Funding for the Royal Commission includes \$28.9 million for DVA to respond to information requests from the Royal Commission and the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention, and to support timely responses to veteran suicide.</p> <p>a) Could this cost not be absorbed?</p> <p>b) Is this funding to help establish a dedicated Royal Commission Taskforce within DVA?</p> <p>c) Will DVA hire additional staff with this funding to support its engagement with the Royal Commission? Is this where some of the additional staffing in the budget will be allocated, and not to claims processing?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	34	Kimberley KITCHING	Budget fact sheet	The DVA budget fact sheet "Support for departmental operations and claims processing and enhancing legal capacity and program evaluation" refers to two years' funding for "a Commissioner to strengthen strategic engagement with Department of Defence to improve transition and planning" and "support greater understanding of suicide risk factors for Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and veterans and evidenced-based systemic interventions to mitigate these risks". Is this referring to the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention or the Joint Transition Authority? If not, then what position is this referring to?	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	35	Kimberley KITCHING	Productivity Commission report	<p>a) Can DVA provide advice on the Government response to the 2019 Productivity Commission (PC) report on the veteran support system.</p> <p>b) Can DVA provide a list of the PC report recommendations and the status of the Government's response to them?</p> <p>c) Can DVA advise what the 'legislation reform roadmap' for the remaining PC recommendations will look like and the timeframe?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	36	Kimberley KITCHING	Veteran Wellbeing Centres	Can DVA please provide an update and status reports on Veteran Wellbeing Centres? This should include updates on funding profiles, additional seed funding, implementation approaches, locations and timeframes for delivering the centres, and any other relevant planning documents.	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	37	Kimberley KITCHING	Veteran Wellbeing Centres	<p>In the Budget, the Government announced \$10.7 million over four years from 2021-22 to establish two new Veteran Wellbeing Centres in Tasmania and South East Queensland.</p> <p>a) Is DVA able to advise where these veteran hubs are likely to be located?</p> <p>b) Can DVA confirm the Tasmanian centre will be located in Burnie?</p> <p>c) Is the South East Queensland centre likely to be located close to the Enoggera army base in Brisbane?</p> <p>d) Noting the Minister's joint media release of 13 May 2021 with Defence Minister and Member for Dickson, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, about the South East Queensland centre, is this likely to be located in Mr Dutton's electorate of Dickson?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	38	Kimberley KITCHING	Veteran Wellbeing Centres	DVA has been working with the Tasmanian Government to undertake a feasibility study into the potential for a veteran wellbeing service for the state.	Written	

				<p>a) Can DVA provide an update on the study and the outcomes of the consultation that concluded in January this year? Did this study say anything about potential locations?</p> <p>b) Did this study look at the appropriateness of other community sectors such as first responders or others to form part of the wellbeing support model. Does DVA know how that has been received by the veteran community?</p> <p>c) The budget information sheet on the measure states that there has been advocacy from a range of stakeholders seeking to establish a Wellbeing Centre in Tasmania. Can DVA advise which stakeholders it has engaged with and what proposals it has received?</p> <p>d) According to the budget fact sheet, implementation for both Veteran Wellbeing Centres would commence in 2021-22, but the South East Queensland centre will be completed in three years by 2023-24 and the Tasmanian centre would be completed in four years by 2024-25. Can DVA explain the difference? Why is there a later completion date for the Tasmanian centre?</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	39	Kimberley KITCHING	National research centre and digital health hub	<p>a) Can DVA provide an update on the joint feasibility study with the ACT Government into the potential for a national research centre and tele/digital health hub to be located in the ACT?</p> <p>b) Can DVA advise on the expected timeframes?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	40	Kimberley KITCHING	Veteran homelessness	<p>Can DVA please provide advice on support for veteran homelessness?</p> <p>a) What is the homelessness rate of veterans compared to the general population?</p> <p>b) How many veterans are either homeless or facing homelessness after being discharged? Please provide a break down by state and electorate.</p> <p>c) How many veterans are accessing homelessness services? Please provide a break down by state and electorate.</p> <p>d) What action is the department taking to address the issue of veteran homelessness?</p> <p>e) We know one of the strongest risk factors for veteran homelessness is unemployment following transition. What action is the department taking to support current service personnel when it comes to transition to meet their employment, health and mental health needs?</p> <p>f) On 19 April 2021, the Prime Minister announced the establishment of a Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. Will veteran housing and homelessness be included in the Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission?</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	41	Kimberley KITCHING	Podiatry and occupational therapy	<p>Can DVA please provide advice on the budget measure to allocate \$61.9 million for a one-off increase to the fees paid to DVA health providers for podiatry and occupational therapy.</p> <p>a) What was the policy rationale for this decision? Why was physiotherapy left out of this measure?</p> <p>b) Were there any consultations with, or representations from, allied health professional bodies in relation to this decision, including Occupational Therapy Australia, the Australian Podiatry Association and the Australian Physiotherapy Association?</p> <p>c) The Budget information sheet ("Addressing existing price regulations and below market rate fees in veterans' care") notes that the measure is a response to "concerns about fees from those two professions". Who raised these concerns with the department? Did DVA receive representations from podiatry and occupational therapy professional bodies?</p> <p>d) Has DVA ever had concerns raised about fees by any other allied health providers, and if so, can the department provide details of the consultations and responses to these concerns?</p> <p>e) If the department accepted that the fees for occupational therapists (OTs) and podiatrists were insufficient to ensure a sustainable workforce, why was the increase not applied to other health professions?</p> <p>f) What consultation was undertaken with veterans to ascertain what level of care they require before this budget decision was made?</p> <p>g) Did the department undertake any modelling of the decision to include/exclude physiotherapists from the funding package?</p> <p>h) Did the department receive representations from any Parliamentarians to increase funding to OTs and podiatrists only?</p> <p>i) In relation to the scope of practice, does DVA accept that there is a difference in training, diagnosing and treating between physiotherapists, OTs and podiatrists? Can DVA explain how these three allied health practitioners work with veterans?</p> <p>j) In the Government's response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Safety and Quality, it "accepts-in-principle" the recommendation for providers to be funded through a blended funding model to engage allied health professionals to ensure residential aged care included a level of allied health care appropriate to each person's needs. Why has DVA not taken the same approach here, that is, funding veterans' health appropriate to each person's needs?</p> <p>k) Does DVA know how many physiotherapists are employed to support veterans?</p> <p>l) Is the department satisfied that veterans are getting the best possible care under this funding arrangement?</p> <p>m) Can DVA advise if there are any plans to address this issue in the future, including in the MYEFO or next year's budget?</p>	Written	

Department of Veterans' Affairs	42	Kimberley KITCHING	Information relating to AWM's Roll of Honours and Awards	<p>The Opposition has been contacted by Mr Ian Reid about the Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honours and Awards. Mr Reid has provided materials including correspondence from Mr Peter Hayes to Defence in relation to this issue. They state that while there are over 46,000 records on the Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honours and Awards, only 53 (as of March 2020) are from conflicts post-1975. A link provided (https://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search/people?roll=Honours%20and%20Awards&people_roll_type=award&ppp=100) corroborates this general finding. An email from Ms Cole in Defence Person Group to Mr Reid states: "I note your concern that Defence records have not been transferred to the Memorial. The Archives Act 1983 imposes statutory obligations on Commonwealth Departments and agencies for the management of official records, and Defence is committed to information and record keeping practices that comply with legislation and government policy. The Archives Act 1983 does not place obligations on Defence to make records available to Australian War Memorial: rather, access to Commonwealth records, including Defence records, under the Act is administered by the National Archives of Australia. Defence understands the Memorial will add names of award recipients to its database on request. The Memorial can also utilise official records available from the sources described above, as a basis to expand its honours and awards database."</p> <p>a) Was this issue raised at DVA's ESORT (Ex-Service Round Table)? What dates was this matter canvassed? b) Can the Department please confirm ESORT Minutes, Item 2020/20, May 2020 stated "Secretary to write to the AWM" about this matter and ESORT Minutes, Item 2020/20, August 2020 stated "Secretariat to follow up on status of letter to AWM Director ... and report back out of session.". If not correct, please clarify. c) When did the Secretary (or Secretariat) contact AWM about this matter? Please table any correspondence. (If this has not occurred, why not?) d) Did the Secretariat follow up on the status of a letter to the AWM? When did this occur? Was a report provided out of session? e) Please table correspondence and out of session advice referred to in (d). If this does not exist, please clarify why. f) Mr Reid submitted FOI request 41156 "... for copies of requests to AWM or its Director". The response to Mr Reid's request stated that "Despite the extensive searches ... unable to identify documents relevant to your request ... as none were generated." Can the Department confirm no correspondence was entered into with the AWM about the Roll? Why not? Please clarify the matter if correspondence was entered into and why the FOI search could not locate it.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	43	Kristina KENEALLY	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	44	Kristina KENEALLY	Ministerial functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	45	Kristina KENEALLY	Ministerial meals	<p>1. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>i. List of dates and types of meals. j. List of all attendees. k. Function venue. l. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	

				<p>m. Details of any food served.</p> <p>n. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>o. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>p. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	46	Kristina KENEALLY	Departmental functions	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	47	Kristina KENEALLY	Executive office upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	48	Kristina KENEALLY	Facilities upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	49	Kristina KENEALLY	Staff travel	<p>1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	50	Kristina KENEALLY	Legal costs	<p>1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	51	Kristina KENEALLY	Secretarial travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	52	Kristina KENEALLY	Freedom of Information (FOI)	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p> <p>c. 2015-16;</p> <p>d. 2016-17;</p> <p>e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and;</p> <p>f. 2020-21 to date.</p>	Written	

				<p>2. For each year above, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	53	Kristina KENEALLY	Briefings	<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	

Department of Veterans' Affairs	54	Kristina KENEALLY	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to 30 May 2021.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	55	Kristina KENEALLY	Departmental staff allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	56	Kristina KENEALLY	Market research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</p> <p>2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p> <p>3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	57	Kristina KENEALLY	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <p>a. When approval was first sought.</p> <p>b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</p> <p>c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</p> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	58	Kristina KENEALLY	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	59	Kristina KENEALLY	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	60	Kristina KENEALLY	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party</p>	Written	

				<p>stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	61	Kristina KENEALLY	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	62	Kristina KENEALLY	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	63	Kristina KENEALLY	Departmental equipment	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	64	Kristina KENEALLY	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	65	Kristina KENEALLY	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p>	Written	

				<p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	66	Kristina KENEALLY	Appointments – briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	67	Kristina KENEALLY	Ministerial Stationery	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	68	Kristina KENEALLY	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	69	Kristina KENEALLY	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	70	Kristina KENEALLY	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	71	Kristina KENEALLY	CDDA Payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p>	Written	

				<p>a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. 3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.</p>		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	72	Kristina KENEALLY	Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	73	Kristina KENEALLY	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021? 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	74	Kristina KENEALLY	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, 31 May 2021? 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. 3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were: a. voluntary b. involuntary. 4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies. 5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff. 6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. 7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	75	Kristina KENEALLY	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	76	Kristina KENEALLY	Fair Work Commission	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	77	Kristina KENEALLY	Fair Work Ombudsman	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	78	Kristina KENEALLY	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1</p>	Written	

				January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.		
Department of Veterans' Affairs	79	Kristina KENEALLY	Public Interest Disclosures	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	80	Kristina KENEALLY	Travel and expense claim policy	1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies. 2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	81	Kristina KENEALLY	Declarations of interest	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021?	Written	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	82	Kristina KENEALLY	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021?	Written	